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Journal

Of the House of Representatives

Begun and held at the Town of St Louis in the County of St Louis and Territory of Missouri, on Monday the Twenty Sixth day of October in the year one Thousand eight hundred & fifteen. being the first session of the Fourth Legislature held under an Act of the Congress of the United States entitled "An Act Providing for the Government of the Territory of Missouri" Passed June the 4th 1812.

On which day the following members of the House of Representatives, appeared, produced their Credentials, and were severally sworn into office by the Honorable Silas Bent one of the Judges of the Superior Court and took their seats to wit.

Howard County	John Adams Samuel Brown David Jones Daniel Munro Thomas Rodgers George Tompkins
County of St Charles	Hugh McDermid Christopher Clark James Talbott William Smith Ira Castle
County of St Louis	David Barton Barnabus Harris Henry S. Geyer Robert Wash John N. Heaney John C. Sullivan Mary Philip Le Duc Daniel Richardson David Musick
County of Washington	Lionel Browne
Cape Girardeau	Johnson Ramsey Robert English James Logan
Lawrence County	Perry G. Magness Joseph Hardin John Davidson

And a Quorum consisting of a Majority of the whole number of Members being present

The House proceeded to the appointment of a Speaker by Ballot And upon examining the Ballots it was found that David Barton one of the

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Members from the County of St Louis, had the whole number of Votes except one and was declared Duly elected—

Whereupon Mr Barton was conducted to the Chair from whence he returned his acknowledgments to the House—

The House proceeded in the same manner to the Election of a Clerk, And on examining the Ballots Andrew Scott was found to be unanimously elected, and it was So declared by the Speaker.

Whereupon the Speaker administered the oath of office to the Clerk—

The House then proceeded to the election of a Door Keeper— Whereupon William Sullivan was Nominated and appointed

A message from the Legislative Council by Mr Riddick Mr Speaker,

The Legislative Council have met formed a Quorum appointed Mr Emmons their President, Joseph D. Garnier their Secretary, and are now ready to proceed to business

On Motion of Mr Nash, Ordered, that the Legislative Council be acquainted that a Quorum of this House have convened appointed their Speaker and Clerk, and are ready to proceed to business

A message from the Legislative Council by Mr Cook Mr Speaker,

The Legislative Council have appointed Mr. Cook a committee on their part, jointly with such Committee as may be appointed by the house of Representatives as a committee of Ways & means

On Motion of Mr. Nash Ordered that a Committee of three be appointed to act jointly with the Committee appointed on the part of the Legislative Council as a committee of Ways & means— Whereupon Messrs Smith, Nash & Marks were appointed that Committee & the Legislative Council acquainted therewith

The Speaker laid before the house a Statement of the Situation of the Missouri Bank, which, On Motion of Mr Barris was Ordered to lie on the table

Two other members to wit. William Shannon & Louis Watters from the County of St Genevieve appeared produced their Credentials were Sworn by the Honorable Judge Bent as the law prescribes and took their Seats—

On Motion of Mr Geyer Ordered, that the Committee of ways and means on the part of this House be instructed to procure Comfortable Rooms for the accommodation of both branches of the Legislature, as also Stationary and other things necessary for their Convenience— & that the Legislative Council were acquainted therewith &c

Mr Smith from the Joint Committee of Ways & Means made Report - That the Rooms at present occupied by the Legislature, had been offered to the Committee at Six Dollars per day throughout the Sesion, The Large Room in the occupancy of the house of Representatives to be provided with a Stove at the expence of Mr. Maury. And further that two commodious Rooms, had been offered to them at $5.00 per day. But with Regard to the Comfort and accomodation of the Members in both houses the Committee conceive but little preference exist between the Chambers offered, And feel inclined to believe that if there is any, it is in favor of the Rooms offered by William Sullivan at five Dollars per day.

Which Report was concurred in by the house. And On Motion of Mr Cheney, the Committee of Ways & Means on the part of this house were instructed to accede to the proposition of William Sullivan for said Rooms at five Dollars per day. And the Legislative Council were acquainted therewith

The Speaker laid before the house Some Documents respecting contested Elections, from the County of Cape Girardeau - Whereon,

On motion of Mr Harris, it was Ordered That said Documents lie on the Table

On Motion of Mr Nash, Ordered that a committee of two be appointed to act jointly with such committee as may be appointed on the part of the Legislative Council to wait on the acting Governor and inform him that a Quorum of both Branches of the Legislature have convened, and are Ready to Receive any Communications he may be pleased to make to them

Whereupon Mr Nash & Mr Browne of Washington were appointed that Committee. And the Legislative Council were made acquainted therewith.

A Message from the Legislative Council by Mr Cook Mr. Speaker, The Legislative Council do concur in the Report of the Joint Committee of Ways & Means so far as respects the Rooms offered by William Sullivan for the accommodation of both houses of the General Assembly.

On Motion of Mr. Nash Ordered, That a Committee of three Members be appointed to Draft and Report Rules and Regulations for the Government of this house. Also to act Jointly with such committee as may be appointed on the part of the Legislative Council to draft and report Joint Rules for the Government of both Houses.

Whereupon Messrs Nash [redacted] and Malone were appointed that Committee & the Legislative Council acquainted therewith

A Message from the Legislative Council by Mr Reddick
Mr Speaker— The Legislative Council have appointed Mr
Reddick a Committee on their part jointly with the Committee
appointed by the house of Representatives to wait on the acting
Governor of the Territory, and inform him that a Quorum of
both houses of the Legislature have convened and are ready
to receive any communications he may be pleased to make to them

A Message from the Legislative Council by Mr Cook.
Mr Speaker— The Legislative Council have appointed Mr Cook
a Committee on their part jointly with the Committee appointed
by the house of Representatives, to draft and Report Joint
Rules for the Government of both Houses—

The House adjourned till Tommorrow
Morning 9 oClock

Tuesday October 27th 1818

The House met pursuant to Adjournment
Mr Nash from the Joint Committee appointed to wait on
the acting Governor and inform him that a Quorum of both
houses of the Legislature had Convened and were Ready to
receive any Communications he might be pleased to make
to them, Reported, that they had performed that duty
and that the Secretary had returned them for answer
that he would meet both branches of the Legislature
in the Representatives Chamber, at 10 oClock in the
forenoon of this day.

Mr. Nash from the Committee
appointed to Draft and Report Rules for the Government of
this house and Joint Rules for the government of both houses
made Report of the former Rules of this house and the former
Rules of both houses with Some few amendments, which were
ordered to lie on the Table

On Motion of Mr Long the Legislative Council were
Requested by Message to convene in the Representatives Chamber
precisely at 10 oClock to receive the acting Governors Message

A Message from the Legislative Council by Mr Reddick
Mr Speaker— The Legislative Council will meet the house
of Representatives in the Representatives Chamber at the time
appointed to receive the acting Governors communication

The acting Governor Mr. Bates met both branches of the Legislature in the Representatives Chamber and delivered the following address—

Gentlemen of the Legislative Council and Gentlemen of the house of Representatives.— The Governor of the Territory in Compliance with the Supposed wishes

wishes of the people, thought proper to require, by proclamation, the Meeting of the General Assembly, on an earlier day than that designated by law. His absence, at this time devolves the executive duties on the Secretary.

I will not suppress the honest pride which I feel in being thus associated, tho accidently, with those whom the people have deliberately chosen to make their laws. For surely, within the Sphere of human action there can be nothing of greater importance and dignity than the business of legislation for a virtuous people

When we contemplate the extended Scene of plenty and freedom and happiness which every where presents itself, throughout the United States, we have just cause to congratulate ourselves on the fortunate destiny which awaits us. And on comparison of our rich soil, temperate climate, navigable Rivers, and other accidental advantages with the situation and circumstances of the neighboring States, we find, perhaps, still further Reason to be satisfied with our own Special allotment

This is our Country — It is mine by deliberate choice and adoption and all my efforts shall be employed for the preservation of its present welfare and for its future growth and prosperity

I shall not affect to be wiser than yourselves by attempting to indicate the Course of your legislative labours. Allow me, however, with all deference to express the opinion, that after supplying the obvious defects of the present System, the less we do the better, previously to our admission into the union as an independent State. When the Convention shall meet for the enactment of our fundamental law, it would be fortunate could they find in the Statute-Book, Nothing but police Regulations. The investment of individual and Corporate interests, Separate from the general interests of the Community at Large, will be found to Create irregular biases very detrimental to permanent organization

I shall communicate to you in due Course those papers which the laws Require to be submitted

(Signed) Frederick Bates

On Motion of Mr Le Duc the Rules & Joint Rules of both Houses were taken up Read and Concurred in by the house, And the Legislative Council Made acquainted therewith — Whereupon it was ordered that the Committee of Ways and Means on the part of this house be instructed to have printed for the use of members 50 Copies of said Rules, And the Legislative Council were Made acquainted therewith —

On Motion of Mr Moore Ordered that a Committee of Three persons be appointed to examine into the propriety of addressing Congress by way of Memorial on the Subject of preemptioners First in favor of such persons as have had their improvements taken with private Surveys, Second in favor of such persons as have Settled on, or improved on Section Number Sixteen in any Township in the Territory. Thirdly that Congress would extend the Right of Preemption to all persons Residing on public Land and for other purposes with leave to Report

Whereupon Messrs Moore, Harris & Jones were appointed that Committee, And the Legislative Council acquainted therewith

A Message from the Legislative Council by Mr Cook Mr Speaker.

The Legislative Council do concur in the Report of the Joint Committee on the Subject of Joint Rules for the government of Both houses

Mr Geyer and Mr Brown were appointed a Committee of Enrollments on the part of this House. And the Legislative Council made acquainted therewith.

Mr. Harris Mr Talbott and Mr. Waters were appointed a Committee of Elections

The Speaker laid before the House other documents Relative to a Contested Election between James Evans and Johnson Ramsey a Sitting Member from the County of Cape Girardeau, which being Read were ordered to lie on the Table

A Message from the Legislative Council by Mr Cook Mr Speaker,

The Legislative Council have appointed Mr. Riddick a Committee on their part Jointly with the Committee appointed on the part of the house of Representatives as a Joint Committee of Enrollments

Another Member to wit Edmund Hogan from the County of Arkansas appeared produced his Credentials as also the Certificate of the Honorable Silas Bent of his having taken the oath of office and took his Seat

A Message from the Legislative Council by Mr Riddick Mr Speaker,

The Legislative Council do Concur in the Instructions given by the house of Representatives to the Joint Committee of Ways and Means for the printing the Rules of each house and the Joint Rules of both houses

On Motion of Mr Loney Ordered That a Committee of three be appointed to enquire into the propriety of the Legislature of this Territory petitioning the Congress of the United States to Authorise by Law, the Inhabitants of Said Territory to form a Constitution and State Government, and to admit the Said State when the Constitution and State government

Shall be so formed into the Union on an equal footing with the original States—

Whereupon Messrs Henry Brown of H.C. and Davidson were appointed that Committee, and the Legislative Council made acquainted therewith.

The Speaker laid before the house other Documents Respecting Contested Elections from the County of Cape Girardeau between James Ravenscraft & James Logan and Erasmus Ellis and Stephen Byrd., when the petition accompanying said Documents was read, and Committed with the documents to the Committee of Elections, & As also all the Documents in the case of the Contest between James Evans & Johnson Ramey, with instructions to said Committee to only use said latter papers in the former Contest

Mr Smith presented the petition of Abrem Rudgers praying remuneration for Taxes paid on unconfirmed land, which petition being read, it was ordered to be Referred to a Select Committee with leave to report by bill or otherwise

Whereupon Messrs Smith Harris & Ramey were appointed that Committee

On motion of Mr Geyer the Statement of the Situation of the Missouri Bank was taken up and read Whereupon ordered that the Clerk furnish the Legislative Council with a copy of the Same, with notice of the time it was presented to this house

Mr Tompkins presented the petition of Sundry Inhabitants of Howard County praying to be incorporated under the Style of the "Franklin Library Company" which being Read was Referred to a Select Committee Consisting of Messrs. Tompkins Geyer & Rodgers.

Mr Geyer gave notice that he would ask leave to Bring in a Bill to Restrain the Negotiation of promisory Notes, inland bills of Exchange, and undertakings in Writing for the payment of any Sum of Money less than five Dollars & for other purposes. And the Legislative Council were acquainted therewith

On Motion of Mr Geyer Ordered that a Committee of three be appointed to enquire into the expediency of Amending the laws of this Territory relating to foreign & Domestic Attachment and to report by bill or otherwise— Whereupon Messrs Geyer Ramey and Nash were appointed that Committee and the Legislative Council acquainted therewith

The Speaker laid before the house the Enumeration of the Inhabitants of the County of Washington, which was ordered to lie on the Table

On Motion of Mr Geyer ordered that a Select Committee of five be appointed to enquire into the

expediency of Changing the Manner of Selecting and Returning Jurors to the Several Courts of this Territory and for Changing the fees now allowed to them by Law with Leave to Report by Bill or otherwise

Whereupon Messrs Geyer Le Duc and Jamptens, were appointed that Committee And the Legislative Council were acquainted Therewith Ramey & Davidson

The House adjourned till Tomorrow Morning 10 o'Clock

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Wednesday Oct 28th 1818

The house met pursuant to adjournment

The Speaker laid before the house the Petition of Joseph Boggs, praying that the seats of all the Members elect from the County of Howard might be Vacated, which Petition being read Ordered that the same be Referred to the Committee of Elections

On Motion of Mr Harris It is ordered that two additional members be added to the Committee of Elections Whereupon, Mr. Geyer and Mr. Feeney, were appointed that additional Committee

On Motion of Mr English Ordered That the Committee of Elections have leave to sit during the sitting of the House

On Motion of Mr. Moore Ordered That two members be added to the Committee appointed to Draft a Memorial to Congress respecting Preemptioners, Whereupon Mr. Tompkins and Mr. Hogan were appointed that additional Committee — And the Legislative Council had notice thereof

On Motion of Mr. Ramey Ordered That a Committee be appointed to enquire into the expediency of Changing the Manner of Assessing and Collecting the Territorial and County Taxes and the present Law Relating to the Finance of the Territory.

Whereupon, Messrs Ramey, Adams & Hardin were appointed that Committee, & Ordered that the Legislative Council be made acquainted Therewith

On Motion of Mr. Nash. Ordered That Committee of three persons be appointed to

examine and enquire what unfinished (if any) Remained at the last Session, and report the same to this house. Whereupon, Mess.rs Nash, McDaniel & Feeney, were appointed that Committee.

The House adjourned till Tomorrow Morning 10 oClock.

Thursday October 29th 1818

The House met pursuant to Adjournment

The Speaker laid before the House the Returns of free white Male Inhabitants made to the office of the Secretary, and transmitted to this house by him, in obedience to an act of the General Assembly passed February first 1817. Also a transcript of the Apportionment of Representation made by the Executive in obedience to said act. Which being Read, Stands thus.

Howard	3386	6 Reps.	Fraction 386
St Charles	2866	5 Reps.	Do. 366
St Louis	4725	9 Reps.	Do 225
St Genevieve	2205	4 Reps.	Do 205
Washington	1245	2 Reps.	Do 245
Cape Girardeau	2593	5 Reps.	Do 93
New Madrid	669	1 Rep.	Do 169
Lawrence	1529	3 Reps.	Do 29
Arkansas No Enumeration		1 Rep.	under Calculation

On Motion of Mr Ramsey Ordered that two additional Members be added to the Committee appointed on the Subject of the Fiscal Concerns of this Territory.

Whereupon Mr Geyer, Mr Smith were appointed that additional Committee.

On Motion of Mr Brown of St Louis

Ordered that a Committee of five be appointed to enquire what alterations (if any) are necessary in the existing County lines, with leave to report by Bill or otherwise

Whereupon Messrs Brown of St Louis Talbot, Carr, Clark, & Scott were appointed that Committee.

And Ordered that the Legislation Council be made acquainted therewith.

On Motion of Mr McDermid Ordered that a Committee of three be appointed to examine the several Laws of this Territory Defining the Powers and Duties of Justices of the Peace in matters of a Civil Nature and the what amendments (if any) are necessary with leave to report by Bill or otherwise

Whereupon Messrs McDermid Stephenson and Shannon were appointed that Committee. And Ordered that the Legislation Council be made acquainted therewith.

The Speaker laid before the House the Resignation

of John C. Sullivan a member from the County of St. Louis, which being read; was accepted of by the House; and on Motion of Mr Nash Ordered that a Committee of two be appointed to inform the Executive of said Resignation

Whereupon Mr Nash & Mr Logan were appointed that Committee.

On Motion of Mr Ramsey Ordered that a Committee of three be appointed to enquire into the expediency of making a law Relating to Bastardy with leave to report by Bill or otherwise.

Whereupon Messrs Ramsey, Musick and Manks were appointed that Committee. And Ordered that the Legislative Council be made acquainted therewith.

Another Member to wit Stephen F. Austin from the County of Washington appeared produced his Credentials, as also the Certificate of the Honorable Silas Bent, of his having taken the oath of office as prescribed by law When Mr. Austin took his Seat.

On Motion of Mr Tompkins It is Ordered that the Committee appointed to enquire if any, and if any what, alterations are necessary in the division of the County into Counties with leave to report by bill or otherwise be dissolved. And Ordered that the Legislative Council be made acquainted therewith

Mr Honey presented the petitions of a Number of the inhabitants of the Northern Section of the County of St Genevieve and the Southern Section of the County of St Louis, praying to be Erected into a Separate and Destinct County, which petitions were taken up and read, when,

On Motion of Mr. Honey ordered that said petitions be referred to a Select Committee of three with leave to Report by Bill or otherwise,

Whereupon, Mr Honey Mr English and Mr Richardson, were appointed that Committee

On Motion of Mr. Honey Ordered that a Committee of two be appointed to wait on the acting Governor and request him to furnish for the use of the Legislative Council and House of Representatives, 150 Copies of the laws passed at the last Session of the General Assembly, if he has that number in his possession not otherwise disposed of.

Whereupon Mr. Honey and Mr Cable were appointed that Committee.

The House Adjourned till to morrow Morning 10 O'Clock.

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Friday October 30th 1818

The House met pursuant to Adjournment

The Speaker laid before the House the following note from the acting Governor, to wit- Executive office St Louis Oct 30th 1818,

The Resolution of the General Assembly, Requesting, for the use of the two Houses forty Copies of the Acts of the last Session, has been Communicated to me, Verbally by a Committee; I approve the Resolution and will Cause the Books to be delivered on application

Signed Frederick Bates

Which being Read, It was ordered that the Door Keeper of this House be directed to call on the acting Governor for Such Copies of the Laws

A Message from the Legislative Council by Mr Riddick Mr Speaker, — Messrs Cook & Ballinger have been appointed by the Legislative Council, a Committee to enquire what alterations if any ought to be Made to the Law Regulating Elections, with leave to Report by Bill or otherwise —

A Message from the Legislative Council by Mr Cook Mr Speaker — Mr Riddick has been appointed by the Legislative Council a Committee to enquire into the expediency of Granting to the Town of St Louis a Special Act of incorporation with leave to Report by Bill or otherwise

Mr Harris from the Committee of Elections to whom had been Referred the petition of Erasmus Ellis together with other accompanying documents in Support of the Same, Contesting the Right of James Logan now a Sitting Member from the County of Cape Girardeau to a Seat in this House, and Claiming that the Same might be granted to him the Said Ellis — Also the petition of James Ravenscroft with accompanying documents in Support of the Same Contesting the Right of Stephen Byrd who had Received the Certificate of Election as a member from the County of Cape Girardeau to a Seat in this House and Claiming the Right to Said Seat to himself. Made a full and lengthy Report on that Subject, and Recommended for the adoption of the House the following Resolutions to wit

Resolved. That James Logan is not entitled to a Seat in this House as a Representative from the County of Cape Girardeau.

Resolved That Stephen Byrd is not entitled to a Seat in this House as a Representative from the County of Cape Girardeau.

Resolved That James Ravenscroft is entitled to a Seat in this House as a Representative from the County of Cape Girardeau.

Resolved, That Erasmus Ellis is entitled to a Seat in this House as a Representative from the County of Cape Girardeau,

Which Report being Read It is ordered that the Same lie on the Table,

Mr Bash presented to the House a Communication from the Honorable Alexander Stewart one of the Judges of the Superior Court for this Territory, Made by a Requisition

Contained in the 16th Section of "An Act Entitled "An Act for altering the Times and places of holding the Superior and Circuit Courts of this Territory and for other purposes" Which Communication was taken up and read, When on Motion of Mr. Geyer Ordered that so much of said Communication as Refers to the Attachment law be Referred to the Committee appointed on that Subject.

On Motion of Mr Geyer Ordered that a Committe of Seven be appointed as a Standing Committe on the Judiciary And Ordered that the Legislative Council be made acquainted therewith

Whereupon Messrs. Geyer, Nash, Simpkins, Talbott Austin Rainey & Hogan were appointed that Committe

On Motion of Mr Nash Ordered that the Whole of Alexander Stewarts Communication except so much as has been Referred to the Committe on the Attachment law, be Referred to the Judiciary Committee.

Mr Smith from the Committe to whom was Refered the petition of Obed Rogers, Reported a "Bill for the Relief of Obed Rutgers", Which was Received and Read the first time and on the Question Shall the Bill be Read a Second time and the vote thereon it was determined in the affirmative

On Motion of Mr Nash the Report of the Committee of Elections was again taken up, and after some debate on the propriety of Recommitting to the Committee of Elections, it was again Ordered to lie on the Table

On Motion of Mr Smith the Bill for the Relief of Obed Rutgers was taken up and Read the Second time, and Declared by the Speaker Ready for Committment or Engrossment. When on Motion of Mr Smith Ordered that said Bill be Engrossed for its third Reading and Printed Forthwith

Another Member to wit Stephen Ross from the County of New Madrid appeared produced his Credentials as well as the Certificate of the Honorable Silas Bent of his having taken the oath of office as prescribed by law and took his Seat —

Mr Nash presented the petition of a Number of the Inhabitants of the Western part of the County of St Louis praying to be Erected into a Separate & Distinct County Which petition being Read, It is ordered that the same be Refered to a Select Committe of three with leave to Report by Bill or otherwise.

Whereupon Messrs Nash, Richardson and Clarke were appointed that Committe

On Motion of Mr Smith Ordered that the Report of the Committee of Elections be committed to a Committe of the Whole house and made the order of the day for tomorrow

On Motion of Mr Smith ordered that

a Committee of three be appointed to examine into the expediency of altering or amending the existing laws of this Territory Respecting insolvent debtors with leave to Report by bill or otherwise And Ordered that the Legislative Council be made acquainted therewith

Whereupon Messrs. Smith Cattle and Ross were appointed Said Committee—

The House adjourned till ~~to-morrow~~ Monday Morning 10 o'Clock

Saturday October 31st 1818

The House met pursuant to adjournment

Mr Shannon asked and obtained leave of Absence until Wednesday next

On Motion of Mr Smith the House Resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole agreeably to the order of the day on the Report of the Committee of Elections, made yesterday, Mr Hogan in the Chair and after Some time Spent therein the Committee Rose the Speaker Resumed the Chair, and Mr Hogan Reported, that the Committee of the Whole had agreeably to order, had under consideration Said Report and agreed to the Same without amendment, Which Report was taken up and agreed to by the House,

When on Motion of Mr Nash, Ordered that the Clerk of this house do furnish to James Ravenscroft and Erasmus Ellis a copy of the Resolutions adopted by this house, in that behalf So as to enable them to have the oaths of office administered to them, as members from the County of Cape Girardeau in the Stead of James Logan & Stephen Byrd the former who has been a Sitting Member in this hiarand the Latter who had Received the Certificate of Election—

Mr Nash from the Committee appointed to examine what unfinished Business if any Remained from the last Session, Made Report, that they had performed that duty, and had only found of that Class of business A Bill to Divide the County of Arkansas, And a Bill to protect the equitable purchaser, Which Report was ordered to lie on the Table

The House adjourned till Monday Morning 10 o'Clock

Monday November 2nd 1818

The House Met pursuant to adjournment

Two other Members to wit James Ravenscroft and Erasmus Ellis from the County of Cape Girardeau appeared produced the Certificate of the Honorable Silas Bent one of the Judges of the Superior Court of their having taken the oath of office as prescribed by Law, Whereupon Ravenscroft and the Ellis

took their Seats, in the Room and Stead of James Logan whose Seat has been declared vacated in this house, and Stephen Byrd who had received the Certificate of Election as a Representative from the County of Cape-Girardeau, and Decreed by this house not entitled to the Same —

The Speaker laid before the house the following lists of the enumeration of the inhabitants from the following Counties to wit

"The Enumeration from the County of St Charles

"The Enumeration from the County of St Genevieve

"The Enumeration from the County of New Madrid

"And The Enumeration from the County of Cape Girardeau

Mr Geyer agreeably to notice, obtained leave, and introduced a "Bill for Restraining the Negotiation of Promisory and other notes, Bills of exchange, drafts orders, and undertakings in writing, for the payment of any Sum less than five Dollars and for other purposes" — Which Bill was taken up and read the first time, and on the Question Shall the Bill be read a second time, and the Vote thereon it was carried in the affirmative —

Mr Harris from the Committee of Elections to whom was Referred the Documents and petition of Joseph Boggs Contesting the Election of George Tompkins, Daniel Munro, Samuel Brown David Jones John Adams & Thomas Rodgers made a long Report, and Recommended the adoption of the following Resolution to the house to wit

Resolved That the Seats of George Tompkins, Daniel Munro, Samuel Brown David Jones, John Adams & Thomas Rodgers sitting Members of this House as Representatives from the County of Howard, ought not to be Vacated — Which Report was Taken up & Read And on Motion of Mr Harris Ordered that the Same be Committed to a Committee of the Whole house and Made the order of the day for tomorrow —

On Motion of Mr. Honey Ordered that the enumeration of the inhabitants from the Several Counties, of the Territory Now Before this house be Referred to the Committee appointed to enquire into the propriety of the Legislature of this Territory petitioning the Congress of the United States, to Authorise by law the inhabitants of Said Territory to form a Constitution and State Government, and to admit the Said State when the Constitution and State Government Shall be So formed into the Union on an equal footing with the original States

Mr Geyer gave Notice that on Wednesday next he would ask leave to bring in a "Bill Giving the Like Remedy upon promisory Notes as is now used upon Bills of Exchange," And The Legislative Council were acquainted Therewith —

The house Adjourned till tomorrow Morning 10 o'Clock

Tuesday November 3rd 1818

House met pursuant to Adjournment

Mr. Moore from the Committee appointed to enquire into the propriety of addressing the Congress of the United States, by way of Memorial on the Subject of Preemptioners, and for other purposes Reported a Memorial on that Subject, which was taken up and Read, When

On motion of Mr. Moore Ordered that said Memorial be Committed to a Committee of the Whole house and made the order of the day tomorrow —

Mr Posey from the Committee appointed to take into Consideration the propriety of petitioning the Congress of the United States to authorise the inhabitants of this Territory to form a Constitution and State Government, and to admit said State into the Union on an equal footing with the Original States; Reported, that in the opinion of said Committee it is both proper and expedient for the General Assembly, on behalf of the inhabitants of this Territory to petition the General Government to that effect, and recommended the appointment of a Committee to draft a memorial on that Subject; Which Report being Read was agreed to by the House, When

On Motion of Mr. Nash Ordered that a Committee Consisting of one Member from each County be appointed for the above purpose

Whereupon Messrs. Nash, Tompkins, Browne of Washtn, Clarke, Ramsey, Ross, Davidson, Hogan and Smith were appointed that Committee, and the Legislative Council were acquainted therewith

Mr Clarke presented the petitions of a number of the inhabitants of the western part of the County of St Genevieve and the North western part of the County of Cape Girardeau praying to be erected into a Separate and distinct County, Which petitions being Read, Ordered that the same be Referred to a Select Committee, with leave to Report by Bill or otherwise,

Whereupon Mr. Clarke Mr. Moore and Mr. Ellis were appointed that Committee —

The House Resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, agreeably to the order of the day on the Report of the Committee of Elections Concerning the Contested Elections from the County of Howard, Mr McDermid in the Chair and after some time Spent therein the Committee Rose the Speaker Resumed the Chair and Mr McDermid Reported that the Committee of the whole had agreeably to order had said Report under Consideration some time, and agreed to the Same without amendment, Which Report was taken up and agreed to by the House —

The Bill for the Restraining the Negotiation of promisory & other Notes, Bills of Exchange &c. was taken up and Read the Second time, and declared by the Speaker Ready for Commitment or Engrossment,

Whereupon Ordered that said Bill be Committed to a committee of the whole house and made the Order of the day for Tomorrow.

The Engrossed Bill for the Relief of Abrend Rutgers was taken up and Read the third time in order for its final Passage, And on the Question "Shall the Bill Pass" And the Vote thereon it was Determined in the Negative And the Legislative Council were acquainted Therewith —

On Motion of Mr Ranney the Documents in a Contested Election, between James Evans and Johnson Ranney a Sitting Member from the County of Cape Girardeau were taken up and Referred to the Committee of Elections —

The House adjourned till Tomorrow Morning 10 O'Clock

Wednesday November 4th 1818

The House Met pursuant to Adjournment

Mr. Le Duc from the committee apointed to Draft a Memorial addressed to the Congress of the United States, on the Subject of unconfirmed land Claims, Reported a Memorial on that Subject which was received and Read the first time And Ordered that the same lie on the Table

The House Resolved itself into a committee of the whole agreeably to the order of the day on the Memorial to Congress on the Subject of Preemptioners, Mr. Walters in the Chair, And after Some time Spent therein the Committee Rose, the Speaker Resumed the Chair and Mr. Walters Reported that the Committee of the Whole Had agreeably to order, had under Consideration Said Memorial and agreed to the Same with Some amendments which Report was taken up and agreed to by the house; —

Then, On Motion of Mr. Geyer Ordered that the Committee of ways and means be instructed to have printed 50 Copies of Said Memorial for the use of Members

Mr Geyer agreeably to Notice obtained Leave & introduced a Bill, giving the like Remedy upon promisory Notes, as is now used upon Bills of Exchange. Which Bill was taken up and Read the first time, — And on the Question "Shall the Bill be Read a second time" and the Vote thereon it was carried in the affirmative —

Mr Geyer Submitted to the house the following Resolution to wit Resolved. That the Joint Committee of Ways & Means be instructed to Receive proposals for the printing which

may be required for the Legislature during this Session, and Report thereon to both houses" - Which Resolution was adopted by the house And Ordered that the Same be engrossed and sent for the Concurrence of the Legislative Council

Mr Geyer gave notice that on Monday next he would ask leave to introduce a Bill to Repeal an Act entitled "An Act to encourage the Killing of Wolves, Panthers and Wild Cats." And an Act entitled "An Act to incorporate a board of Trustees for superintending Schools in the town of St Louis" And the Legislative Council were acquainted therewith -

The further Orders of the day were postponed, When the House adjourned till tomorrow Morning 10 o'Clock

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Thursday November 5th 1818

The House met pursuant to Adjournment

Mr Moore presented the petition of Josiah Millard, praying the establishment of a Ferry at the mouth of the Gabarie on the Mississippi, Which being read was referred to a Select Committee with leave to Report by Bill or otherwise - Whereupon Messrs Moore Walker and Ravenscraft were appointed that Committee

Mr Haney presented the petition of Joseph Andrews, praying remuneration for his trouble and expences in Supporting and Burying a Pauper - Which petition being read, Ordered that the Same be referred to a Select Committee with leave to Report by Bill or otherwise.

Whereupon Messrs Haney Cattle & Le Duc were appointed that Committee.

Mr Ranney from the Committee appointed on that Subject Reported a Bill providing for the Support and Maintainance of Bastard Children, which Bill was taken up and read the first time and on the Question "Shall the Bill be read a second time", and the Vote thereon it was carried in the affirmative

Mr Ranney gave notice that on tomorrow he would ask leave to Bring in a Bill providing for the building of a Jail in the County of Cape Girardeau - And the Legislative Council were acquainted therewith

Mr Nash from the Committee to whom were Referred the petitions on that Subject, Reported a Bill Erecting a part of St Louis County into a Separate and distinct County And the Legislative Council were acquainted therewith - When said Bill was read the first time, and on the Question "Shall the Bill be read a Second time" and the Vote thereon it was carried in the affirmative

On Motion of Mr Le Duc Resolved That the Joint Committee of Ways and Means be instructed to purchase three Copies of the Digest of the Laws of this Territory if they can be had. Two for the use of this house and one for the use of the Legislative Council

And Ordered that the Concurrence of the Legislative Council be prayed therein

On Motion of Mr Brush ordered, That the Committee appointed to Draft a Memorial to Congress on the Subject of a State Government have leave to Sit during the Sitting of the house

The House Resolved itself into a Committee of the whole agreeably to the order of the day on the Bill for Restraining the Negotiation of promisory & other notes Bills of Exchange &c. Mr. Austin in the Chair and after some time Spent therein, the Committe Rose, the Speaker Resumed the Chair, and Mr Austin Reported, that the Committee of the whole had agreeably to order had said Bill under Consideration Some time, Made no progress therein, and asked leave to Sit again; which was granted.

On Motion of Mr Le Duc. the Memorial on the Subject of unconfirmed land Claims was taken up and Read the Second time and declared by the Speaker ready for Committment or engrossment, Whereon Motion of Mr Le Duc. ordered that the Same lie on the table—

The Bill giving the like Remedy upon promisory Notes as is now used upon bills of exchange was taken and Read the Second time. And declared by the Speaker ready for Committment or Engrossment— Whereon On Motion of Mr. Moore Ordered, that Said Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole house and made the order of the day for Tomorrow

Mr Nash from the Committee appointed for that purpose Reported, a Memorial addressed to the Congress of the United States on the Subject of a State Government, which Memorial was taken up and twice Read— Whereon on motion of Mr Smith Ordered that the Committee of ways and means on the part of this house be instructed to have 50 Copies of Said Memorial printed for the use of both houses,

Whereon On Motion of Mr Rooney Ordered that Said Memorial be Committed to a Committee of the whole house and Made the order of the day for Monday next—

Mr Honey from the Committee to whom was Referred the petitions of the inhabitants of the Southern Section of the County of St Louis and the Northern Section of the County of St Genevieve praying to be Erected into a Separate Eclesiastical Comunity, Reported a Bill for that purpose which Bill was Received and Read the first time, and on the Question Shall the Bill be read a Second time and the Vote thereon it was carried in the affirmative.

Mr Geyer from the Committee appointed on that Subject, Reported a Bill to provide a Remedy against absent and absconding debtors which Bill was Received and Read the first time, And on the question "Shall the Bill be Read a Second time" and the Vote thereon it was carried in the affirmative

The house again Resolved itself into a Committee of the whole on the Bill for Restraining the Negotiation of promisory

and other Notes, Bills of exchange &c. Mr. Austin in the Chair and after some time spent therein the Committee Rose the Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Austin Reported that the Committee of the Whole had agreeably to order had said Bill under Consideration Some time and made some progress therein and asked leave to Sett again — which was granted

The several orders of the day were further postponed

The House adjourned till tomorrow morning 10 o'clock

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Friday November 6th 1818

The House met pursuant to Adjournment

Mr Rumney agreeably to notice obtained leave and introduced a Bill providing for the Building of a Jail in the Town of Jackson in the County of Cape Girardeau, Which Bill was taken up and Read the first time and on the Question Shall the Bill be Read the Second time and the Vote thereon it was determined in the affirmative

Mr Geyer presented the petition of Manuel Lisa, Frederick Bates and Eliza Smith Meldow and Administratrix of William Smith Deceased, praying an extention of the Law in their behalf Relating to Intestates Estates, Which petition being Read, On motion of Mr Geyer ordered that the Same be Referred to a Select Committee with leave to Report by Bill or otherwise —

Whereupon Messrs Geyer Le Duc and Harris were appointed that Committee —

A Message from the Legislative Council by Mr Dawson.

Mr Speaker, — The Legislative Council do Concur in passing a Resolution to Authorise the Joint Committee of Ways and Means to receive proposals for the printing which may be required during the present Session — They also Concur in the Resolution to authorise the purchase of three Copies of Geyers Digest for the purposes therein Stated

Mr Nash presented the petition of a number of the inhabitants of the County of St Charles pray that a certain portion of said County begining at the Confluence of the Missouri and Mississippi and running up the Missouri Should be Subdivided into three distinct Counties —

Mr Geyer presented the petition of a number of the inhabitants of another portion of the County of St Charles praying for the Erection of a new County between the Mississippi

Mr McDonald presented the petition of some of the inhabitants of another portion of the County of St Charles pray for a new County west of the Principal Meredian Line, Which petitions were Severally taken up and Read Upon an Motion of Mr Nash Ordered that all said petitions from the County of St Charles be Referred to a Select Com

And Ordered that the Concurrence of the Legislative Council be prayed therein

On Motion of Mr Brush ordered, That the Committee appointed to Draft a Memorial to Congress on the Subject of a State Government have leave to Sit during the Sitting of the House

The House Resolved itself into a Committee of the whole agreeably to the order of the day on the Bill for Restraining the Negotiation of promisory & other notes Bills of Exchange &c. Mr. Austin in the Chair and after some time Spent therein the Committe rose, the Speaker Resumed the Chair, and Mr Austin Reported, that the Committee of the whole had agreeably to order had said Bill under consideration Some time, Made no progress therein, and asked leave to Sit again; which was granted.

On Motion of Mr Le Duc the Memorial on the Subject of unconfirmed land Claims was taken up and read the Second time and declared by the Speaker ready for Commitment or engrossment, when on Motion of Mr Le Duc ordered that the Same lie on the table—

The Bill giving the like Remedy upon promisory Notes as is now used upon bills of exchange was taken and read the Second time. And declared by the Speaker Ready for Committment or Engrossment— When On Motion of Mr Moore Ordered, that Said Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole house and made the order of the day for Tomorrow

Mr Nash from the Committee appointed for that purpose Reported, A Memorial addressed to the Congress of the United States on the Subject of a State Government, which Memorial was taken up and twice read— When on Motion of Mr Smith Ordered that the Committee of ways and means on the part of this house be instructed to have 50 Copies of Said Memorial printed for the use of both houses,

When On Motion of Mr Ramsey Ordered that Said Memorial be Committed to a Committee of the whole house and made the order of the day for Monday next—

Mr Henry from the Committee to whom was Referred the petitions of the inhabitants of the Southern Section of the County of St Louis and the Northern Section of the County of St Genevieve praying to be Erected into a Separate & distinct County, Reported a Bill for that purpose which Bill was received and read the first time, and on the Question Shall the Bill be read a Second time and the vote thereon it was carried in the affirmative.

Mr Geyer from the Committee appointed on that Subject, Reported a Bill to provide a Remedy against absent and absconding debtors which Bill was received and read the first time, And on the question "Shall the Bill be Read a Second time" and the vote thereon it was carried in the affirmative

The House again Resolved itself into a Committee of the whole on the Bill for Restraining the Negotiation of promisory

and other Notes, Bills of exchange &c Mr Austin in the Chair and after some time Spent therein the Committee Rose the Speaker Resumed the Chair, And Mr Austin Reported that the Committee of the whole had agreeably to order had said Bill under Consideration Some time and made Some progress therein and asked leave to Sit again — which was granted

The Several orders of the day were further postponed

The House adjourned till tomorrow morning 10 oClock

Friday November 6th 1818

The House met pursuant to Adjournment

Mr Rainey agreeably to Notice obtained leave and introduced a Bill providing for the Building of a Jail in the Town of Jackson in the County of Cape Girardeau, Which Bill was taken up and Read the first time and on the Question Shall the Bill be Read the Second time and the vote thereon it was determined in the affirmative

Mr Geyer presented the petition of Manuel Lisa, Frederick Bates and Eliza Smith Wrodlow and Administratrix of William Smith Deceased, praying an extension of the laws in their behalf Relating to Intestates Estates, Which petition being Read On motion of Mr Geyer ordered that the Same be Referred to a Select Committee with leave to Report by Bill or otherwise —

Whereupon Messrs Geyer Le Duc and Harris were appointed that Committee —

A Message from the Legislative Council by Mr Dawson Mr Speaker, — The Legislative Council do Concur in passing a Resolution to Authorise the Joint Committee of Ways and Means to receive proposals for the printing which may be required during the present Session — They also Concur in the Resolution to authorise the purchase of three Copies of Geyes Digest for the purposes therein Stated

Mr Nash presented the petition of a number of the inhabitants of the County of St Charles pray that a certain portion of Said County beginning at the Confluence of the Missouri and Mississippi and running up the Missouri Should be Subdivided into three distinct Counties —

Mr Geyer presented the petition of a number of the inhabitants of another portion of the County of St Charles praying for the Erection of a new County lying on the Mississippi

Mr McDermid presented the petition of Some of the inhabitants of another portion of the County of St Charles pray for a New County west of the principal Meredian Line, Which petitions were Severally taken up and Read When on Motion of Mr Nash Ordered that all Said petitions from the County of St Charles be Referred to a Select Com

mittee with leave to report by Bill or otherwise; Whereupon ellesp^rs Talbot, ell^e Dermid, Clark, Cottle and Smith were appointed that Committee —

ell^r Nash presented the petition of Sundry inhabitants of the town of St Louis praying for the passage of a law giving a lien on Buildings to the ell^echanic until he shall be paid for his labor, Which petition being Read, Ordered, that the Same be Referred to a Select Committee of Three with leave to Report by Bill or otherwise —

Whereupon ellesp^rs Nash, Walters and Rodgers were appointed that Committee

Another Member to wit Joseph Lenel from the County of Cape Girardeau appeared produced his Credentials as also the Certificate of the Honorable Silas Bent, of his having taken the oath of office prescribed by law and took his Seat —

The House Resolved itself into a Committee of the whole agreeably to order on the Bill, Restraining the Negotiation of promisory ~~Notes~~ other notes, Bills of Exchange &c ell^r Austin in the Chair, And after Some time Spent therein the Committee Rose the Speaker Resumed the Chair and ell^r Austin Reported, that the Committee of the Whole had agreeably to order had Said Bill under Consideration Some time and agreed to the Same with Sundry Amendments — Which Report was ordered to lie on the table —

The Several orders of the day were further postponed — When

The House adjourned till to morrow morning 10 o'Clock —

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Saturday November 7th 1818

The House met pursuant to adjournment

ell^r Nash presented a further petition respecting a new County being formed out of the western part of the County of St Louis which petition being read it was ordered that the Same lie on the table to accompany the other documents on that Subject

Mr Geyer presented the petition of a number of the inhabitants of the County of Howard North of the Missouri praying to be erected into a Separate and distinct County, which petition being Read Ordered, that the Same be Referred to a Select Committee of five, with leave to Report by Bill or otherwise, Whereupon ellesp^rs Jones, Munro, Adams, Rodgers, and Brown of St. L. were appointed that Committee

ell^r Nash presented the petition of a number of the inhabitants of Howard County South of the Missouri praying to be erected into a Separate and distinct County, which petition being read, Ordered that the Same lie on the table —

The Bill erecting a part of St Louis County into

a Separate and distinct County, was taken up and Read the Second time and declared by the Speaker Ready for Commitment or Engrossment. Whereon On Motion of Mr Nash Ordered that the Same be Committed to a Committee of the Whole House and made the Order of the day for Monday Next

The Bill to provide a Remedy against absent and absconding debtors was Read a Second time by its title and declared by the Speaker Ready for Commitment or Engrossment. Whereon, On Motion of Mr Geyer that Said Bill be printed, and Committed to a Committee of the Whole House, and made the order of the day for Saturday Next—

The Bill erecting a part of the Counties of St Louis and St Genevieve into a Separate and distinct County was Read the Second time by its title and declared by the Speaker Ready for Commitment or Engrossment Whereupon it was Ordered that the Same be Committed to a Committee of the whole and made the order of the day for Tuesday Next—

On Motion of Mr Geyer the Report of the Committee of the whole on the Bill Restraining the Negotiation of promissory and other Notes, bills of Exchange &c was taken up and Read, When on Motion of Mr Tompkins, Ordered that Wherever the word Five occurs in Said Report on Said Bill, the Same Shall be Stricken out, Whereupon it was Moved by Mr Geyer to fill Said Blanks with the word Five, which goes to Say That all promisory or other Notes, bills of exchange, Drafts, Orders, Undertakings in writing, or other Securities Written or Printed, or partly written and partly Printed, for the Payment of any Sum or Sums of Money less than Five Dollars in the whole, or in which a Sum less than the Sum of Five dollars, Shall Remain undischarged, which Shall be made or issued at any time after the first day of July next, Shall not be Negotiable or transferrable, otherwise than by endorsement— And the Question being put thereon it was determined in the affirmative

Banks

Yeas 20
Nays 11

The Yeas and Nays being called for on this question those who Voted in the affirmative are Messrs Adams, Austin, Brown of St. Louis, Browne of Ste Genevieve Clark, Geyer, Harris, Hardin, Jones, Le Duc, McDermid Marks, Moore, Richardson, Rob, Shannon, Talbot, Tompkins, Nash, Walters & Barton Speaker,

Those who voted in the Negative are Messrs Brown of St. Louis, Cottle, English, Ellis, Hogan, Haynes, Munro, Ramey, Rowscroft, Rodgers & Smith—

When Mr. Smith moved to Strike out the following words in Said Report to wit. "Provided that this Section Shall not extend to any Notes issued by the Bank of the United States or any bank incorporated by any law of this Territory, and authorised thereby to be issued, which would go to put the paper of Said Banks on an equal footing with the paper of

unchartered institutions and Notes not current in this Country with Regard to their negotiability by endorsement," and the Question being put thereon it was determined in the negative /

Yeays 7
Nays 22

The Yeays and nays being called for on this question those who Voted in the affirmative are ellsrs Adams, Ellis, Hardin Hogan, ellagners, Ravenscroft, and Smith

Those who voted in the negative are ellsrs Austin, Browne of H. Browne of N. Clark, Cattle, Geyer, Harris, Jones, LeDuc, McDermid, Marks, Moore, Munro, Richardson, Rodgers, Ross Shannon, Talbot, Tompkins, Nash, Walters & Barton Speaker—

When on the Question will the House agree to said Report as amended and the Vote thereon it was carried in the affirmative— And ordered that said Bill be engrossed for its third Reading and final passage on Tuesday next—

Mr Browne of N. presented a petition from Sundry inhabitants of the Southern part of the County of St Louis praying to be attached to the County of Washington which petition was read and Referred to ellsrs Browne of N. Austin, & Moore as a Select Committee with leave to Report by Bill or otherwise—

The Bill providing for the Erecting of a Jail in the County of Cape Girardeau was Read the Second time by its title and declared by the Speaker Ready for Commitment or engrossment Whereupon Ordered that said Bill be Engrossed for its third Reading and final passage on Tuesday Next—

The Bill providing for the Support and maintainance of Bastard Children was Read the Second time by its title and declared by the Speaker Ready for Committment or Engrossment, Whereupon, it was ordered that said Bill be Committed to a Committee of the whole House and Made the order of the day for Wednesday Next—

The Several orders of the day were further postponed

When the House adjourned till Monday Morning 10 oClock

Monday November 9th 1818

The House met pursuant to Adjournment

The Speaker laid before the House the enumeration of the inhabitants of the County of ~~St~~ Howard, which was Read, and Ordered that the same lie on the Table—

On Motion of ellr Browne of N. Ordered that the Committee to whom was Referred the petition from Sundry inhabitants in the South western part of the County of St Louis praying to be annexed to the County of Washington be discharged, and that said petition be Referred to the Committee of the Whole to whom is Referred the Consideration of the Bill Erecting a part of the County of St Louis into a Separate County

Mr Geyer presented other petitions from the County of St Charles, praying for a new County lying on the Mississippi, which being read were referred to the Committe. To Whom was referred the Several other petitions from the County of St Charles on Similar Subjects —

Mr Geyer agreeably to Notice obtained leave and introduced a Bill to Repeal an act entitled "An Act to encourage the killing of Wolves Panthers & wild Cats and an act entitled "An Act to incorporate a board of Trusties for Superintending Schools in the Town of St Louis — Which Bill was Read the first time, and on the Question Shall the Bill be Read a Second time and the Vote thereon it was Carried in the affirmative —

The House Resolved itself into a Committee of the whole agreeably to the order of the day, on the Bill giving the like remedy upon Promisory Notes as is now used upon Bills of exchange Mr Moore in the Chair and after Some Time Spent therein the Committe Rose the Speaker Resumed the Chair and Mr Moore Reported, that the Committe of the Whole had agreeably to order had said bill under Consideration Some Time and agreed to the Same with Some amendments — Which Report was ordered to lie on the Table.

A Message from the Legislative Council by Mr Dawson

Mr Speaker — The Legislative Council, in the absence of their president have appointed Mr Riddick President pro-Tem.

A Message from the Legislative Council by Mr Cassidy

Mr. Speaker Mr Cassidy has this day given notice, that he would on Wednesday next, ask for leave to introduce a Bill Concerning the fiscal Concerns of the County of Arkansas; and a Bill to authorise a ferry on the Arkansas River at the little Rock

Mr Nash from the Committee of ways and means, laid before the house, a letter from Joseph Charless, and a letter from Henry & Mowry, Both respecting the printing which may be wanted by the General Assembly this Session, which letters being Read Ordered that the Same lie on the table

On Motion of Mr Honey Ordered that the Committee of the Whole to whom was Referred the Bill Erecting a part of the County of St Louis into a New County, and the Bill erecting a part of the Counties of St Louis & St Genevieve into a Separate & Distinct County be discharged from the Consideration thereof — When on Motion of Mr. Honey Ordered that Both said Bills together with the several petitions from the inhabitants in the South part of the County of St Louis and the Northern part of the County of St Genevieve praying for a new County, and the petitions from the Western part of the County of St Louis also praying for a new County Be Referred to a Select Committee of five, with instructions to enquire as to which of the two proposed Counties that part of the County of St Louis which lies between the first and second Range east of the first principal Meredian and South of the River Merrimack, ought in Justice to belong

Whereupon Messrs Cottle, Clark Talbot, Ellis and Hardin were appointed said Committee — When

On Motion of Mr. Browne of K. ordered that the petition from the Southwestern part of the County of St Louis praying to be annexed to the County of Washington, be Referred to said last named Committee — And

On Motion of Mr Hoxey Ordered, that the petitioners to the several petitions, Respecting said two new Counties, have leave to introduce testimony and witnesses, before the Select Committee to whom the Subjects are Referred

The house Resolved itself into a Committee of the whole agreeably to the order of the day, on the Memorial to the Congress of the United States on the Subject of a State Government Mr Harris in the Chair, And after some time Spent therein the Committee rose the Speaker Resumed the Chair, And Mr Harris Reported that the Committee of the whole had agreeably to Order had said Memorial under Consideration Sometime and agreed to the Same with some amendments, Which Report was laid on the Table

The Several orders of the day were further postponed, when the house adjourned till Tomorrow Morning 10 O'Clock

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Tuesday November 10th 1818

The House met pursuant to adjournment

Mr Shannon presented the petition of Sundry inhabitants of the County of St Genevieve praying that the Circuit Court from time to time might be authorised to levy a tax, for the purpose of Building a Court house in the town of St Genevieve for said County, — Which petitions being Read ordered that the Same be referred to a Select Committee of three with Leave to Report by Bill or otherwise —

Whereupon Messrs Shannon Walters and Moore were appointed that Committee

Mr Shannon presented the petition from Sundry persons in the Town of St Genevieve, Respecting the appointment of Trustees (with certain powers) for the St Genevieve academy which petition being Read ordered that the Same be Referred to the last named Committee with Leave to Report by Bill or otherwise —

On Motion of Mr. Leduc, the proposals from Joseph Charles and from Henry & Mary for the printing necessary to be done for the present Session of the General Assembly were taken up, When on Motion of Mr Le Duc the House acceded to the proposals of Joseph Charles for said printing

* The Ayes and Nays being called for on this subject, those who voted in the affirmative are Mess.rs Adams Austin Brown of Fb. Browne of W. Clark Cottle English, Ellis, Geyer, Harris, Honey, Jones Le Duc. Marks McDermid, Moore, Musick, Munro, Ranney Ramscroft Richardson Rodgers, Ross, Smith Sewel, Shannon, Talbott Tompkins Wash, Walters & Barton Speaker —

☞ Those who voted in the negative are Mess.rs Hardin Hogan, And Magruder

And ordered that the Legislative Council be made acquainted therewith and their Concurrence prayed therein — Ct Howard

Mr Geiger presented other petitions from the County praying for a new County to be established, — which petitions being read ordered that the Same be referred to the Committee to whom was referred the petitions from Said County on Similar subjects

A Message from the Legislative Council by Mr Carter Mr Speaker, — The Legislative Council do Concur in the proposition of Joseph Charles for the printing to be done for the General assembly — 2

The Engrossed Bill for the Restraining the Negotiation of promisory and other Notes, Bills of Exchange &c was taken up and read the third time in order for its final passage and on the Question "Shall the Bill pass" and the Note thereon it was carried in the affirmative.

Yeays — 19
Nays 15,

The Yeays and Nays being called for on this Subject those who voted in the affirmative are Messrs Adams, Austin, Brown of St. Geyer Harris, Haney, Jones, Le Duc Marks, Moore, Musick Richardson, Ross, Shannon Talbott, Tompkins, Wash, Watters, and Barton Speaker —

Those who voted in the negative are Messrs Browne of N. Clark, Cottle, English, Ellis, Harden, Hogan, Magruder, McDermid, Munro, Ramey, Rosenscrafft Rodgers, Smith & Lewel,

Whereupon Ordered that the Title of Said Bill be An act Restraining the negotiation of promisory and other notes, bills of Exchange, drafts orders and undertakings in writing for the payment of any Sum of money less than five Dollars and for other purposes,

Whereupon ordered that Said Bill be Sent for the Concurrence of the Legislative Council

The Engrossed Bill providing for the Erecting of a Jail in the County of Cape Girardeau was taken up and Read the third time in order for its final passage, And on the question Shall the Bill pass and the vote thereon it was carried in the affirmative, And ordered that its title be An Act providing for the Erecting of a Jail in the County of Cape Girardeau, Whereupon ordered that Said Bill be Sent for the Concurrence of the Legislative Council

The Report of the Committee of the whole on the Memorial to the Congress of the United States on the Subject of a State Government was taken up and read and agreed to by the house Yeays 31 Nays 3. *

Whereupon ordered that Said memorial be Engrossed for its third reading on tomorrow

On Motion of Mr Tompkins, Ordered that a Committee of three be appointed to enquire into the expediency of amending the law "Concerning "towns in this Territory," with leave to report by Bill or otherwise,

Whereupon Messrs Tompkins Austin and Lewel were appointed that Committee — And the Legislative Council were acquainted therewith —

Mr Tompkins gave notice that on Saturday next he would ask leave to bring in a Bill to authorise certain Administrators to Remove certain Papers from the County of St Charles to the County of Howard

The Bill Repealing an act entitled "An act to encourage the killing of Wolves panthers & wildcats and an act entitled "an act incorporating a board of trustees for the superintending Schools in the Town of St Louis was Read the second time by its title, and declared by the Speaker Ready for Commitment or engrossment Whereupon Ordered that said Bill be Engrossed for its third Reading and final Passage on Thursday next

The Several orders of the day were further postponed when the house adjourned till Tomorrow Morning 10 oClock

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Wednesday November 11th 1818

The House Met pursuant to Adjournment

Mr Austin offered the following Resolution to wit Whereas, the Directors of the Bank of St Louis have Requested that an investigation should be made into the Causes of the embarrassments and present State of that Institution; Therefore Resolved, that a Committee of three be appointed for that purpose with instructions to Report to this house. which Resolution being amended so as to make it a Committee of five, was agreed agreed to by the house,

Whereupon Messrs Harris, Tompkins, Ramsey, Smith and Browne of B. were appointed that Committee

A Message from the Legislative Council by Mr Rapidy Mr Speaker — Mr. Riddick has this day obtained Leave & introduced "a Bill Supplementary to an act to Authorise a Lottery for the purchase of fire engines and other apparatus for the extinguishment of fire for the use of the town of St Louis —

A Message from the Legislative Council by Mr. Dawson Mr Speaker — Mr Rapidy has this day obtained leave and introduced a Bill to Authorise a ferry on the Arkansas River at the Little Rock.

On Motion of Mr Lewis ordered that the Clerk of this house inform the Governor with a copy of the

memorial to the Congress of the United on the subject of unconfirmed land claims, and have the same printed, for the use of the members of both houses —

On Motion of Mr Geyer, The Report of the Committee of the Whole on the "Bill giving the like Remedy on promissory Notes as is now used on Bills of Exchange" was taken up Read, amended and Concurred in by the House;

Whereupon Ordered that said Bill be Engrossed for its third Reading and final passage on Friday next

The House Resolved itself into a Committee of the whole agreeably to the order of the day on the "Bill providing for the Support and Maintainence of Bastard Children" Mr Henry in the Chair and after some time Spent therein the Committee rose the Speaker Resumed the Chair. And Mr Henry Reported, That the Committee of the Whole had agreeably to order, had said Bill under Consideration for Some time. And had agreed to Strike out the first Section of Said Bill together with the Enacting Clause

Which Report was taken up and Concurred in by the House

The Memorial to the Congress of the United States on the Subject of a State Government was taken up and read the third time in order for its final Passage; And on the Question Shall the Memorial Pass, and the Vote thereon it was Carried in the Affirmative Unanemously —

The Several orders of the day were further postponed

When the house adjourned till tomorrow Morning

10 Oclock

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Thursday November 12th 1818

The House met pursuant to Adjournment

Mr Harris from the Committee of Elections, to whom was Referred the documents Respecting, a contested Election between James Evans, and Johnson Ramey a Seting member in this house from the County of Cape Girardeau, Made Report, and Recommended for the adoption of the house the following Resolution to wit

Resolved, That Johnson Ramey is entitled to a Seat in this house as a Representative from the County of Cape Girardeau — Which Resolution was Concurred in by the house

A Message from the Legislative Council by Mr Billinger Mr Speaker — The Legislative Council do Concur in passing a Bill entitled An Act providing for the erecting of a jail in the County of Cape Girardeau, which said Bill is herewith returned —

Mr Marks from the Committee to whom was referred the Several petitions from the western part of the County

of St Genevieve and the Northwestern part of the County of Cape Girardeau praying for a New County - Made Report That in the opinion of Said Committee the prayer of Said petitioners were unreasonable and ought not to be granted Which Report being Read was ordered to lie on the Table

Mr. Moore from the Committee to whom was Referred the petition of Josiah Millard on that Subject Reported, "A Bill to Authorise Josiah Millard to Establish a ferry on the Mississippi to be Propelled by Steam or Horses." Which Bill was Received and Read the first time, and on the Question "Shall the Bill be Read a Second time" and the Vote thereon it was Carried in the affirmative

Mr. Nash presented a further petition from some of the inhabitants of the Town of St Louis, prayin a law to be passed giving to the Mechanic a lien on property, until he Shall have been paid for his labor, which petition was Referred to the Committee to whom was referred a former petition on that Subject

The engrossed Bill to Repeal an act entitled an act to encourage the Killing of Wolves panthers and wild Cats - And an act entitled "an act to incorporate a board of Trustees for Superintending Schools in the Town of St Louis, was taken up and Read in order for its finial passage and the Question being Stated "Shall the Bill pass"

Mr Nash moved to Strike out the Second Section of Said Bill - which Section goes to Repeal the Act incorporating a board of trustees for Superintending Schools in the Town of St Louis, and the Vote being taken thereon, it was determined in the Negative,

Yeays 13 Nays 20

The Yeays and nays being called for on the Question those who Voted in the affirmative are Messrs Adams, Browne of Washn Clarke, Cottle, Harris, Hardin, Haney, Hogan, Marks, Moore, Richardson, Shannon, and Nash,

Those who Voted in the Negative are Messrs Brown of Ho Davidson, English, Geyer, Jones, Le Duc, Magnes, McDermid Music, Munro, Ranney, Ravenscroft, Richardson Rodgers, Ross, Smith, Sewel, Talbot, Tompkins, Watters, and Barton Speaker,

When it was Moved by Mr Tompkins, to Strike out the first Section of Said Bill, which Section goes to Repeal the Act to Encourage the Killing of Wolves, panthers, & wildcats and the Vote being taken thereon, it was Carried in the affirmative

Yeays 16 Nays 13

The Yeays & Nays being Called for on this question Those who Voted in the affirmative are Messrs Adams, Cottle Hardin, Hogan, Jones, Marks, Magnes, Moore, Musick Ranney, Ravenscroft, Rodgers, Smith, Sewel Talbot and Tompkins; —

Those who Voted in the negative are Messrs. Brown of Howard, Browne of Washington Clarke, Davidson, Geyer, Harris, Honey, Le Duc. Munro, Richardson, Ross, Wash, & Barton Speaker—

And the Question Recurring "Shall the Bill pass as Amended" and the Vote thereon it was Carried in the affirmative

Yeays 17 Nays 13

The Yeays and Nays being called for on this question those who Voted in the affirmative are Messrs. Adams, Clark, Davidson Geyer, Jones Le Duc. Magness, McDermid, Musick, Munro, Ravenscraft, Rodgers, Smith, Talbot, Tompkins, Walters and Barton Speaker—

Those who Voted in the Negative are Messrs. Browne of Washington, Cottle, Harris, Hardin, Honey, Hogan, Marks, Moore, Ramey, Ross, Sewel, Shannon, and Wash,

Whereupon Ordered, that the title of said Bill be "An Act to Repeal An act entitled An Act to incorporate a Board of Trustees for Superintending Schools in the town of St Louis— And Ordered that the Same be Sent for the Concurrence of the Legislative Council

On Motion of Mr. Honey Ordered, that the Select Committee to whom was Referred the Bill erecting a part of the Counties of St Louis & St Genevieve into a Separate and Distinct County and the Bill erecting a part of the County of St Louis into a New County, with instructions to enquire as to which of Said Contemplated Counties that part of the County of St Louis which lies between the first and Second Range east of the fifth principal Meredian and South of the River Meremack Should belong, Be discharged from Making that enquiry— When it was Ordered that the Bill Erecting a Part of the Counties of St Louis and St Genevieve into a Separate & distinct County County Be again Recommitted to a Committee of the whole House and Made the order of the day tomorrow—

The Several orders of the day were further Postponed

When the House adjourned till tomorrow Morning 10 O'Clock.

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Friday November 13th 1818

The House Met pursuant to Adjournment

On Motion of Mr. Moore The Bill to Authorise Josiah Millard to Establish a ferry on the Mississippi to be propelled by Steam or Horses— Was taken up and Read the Second time by its title, And declared by the Speaker Ready for Committment or engrossment— Whereupon ordered, that Said Bill be committed to a Committee of the Whole House and made the order of the day for Tomorrow—

The Engroped Bill giving the like Remedy on promissory Notes as is now used on Bills of Exchange; was taken up and Read the third time in order for its final passage. And on the Question "Shall the Bill pass" and the Vote Thereon it was determined in the Negative

Yeays 15. Nays 19.

The yeays and nays being Called for on this Question those who Voted in the affirmative are Messrs. Austin, Browne of Wash.tn Ellis, Geyer Honey, Le Duc, Musick, Richardson Ross, Smith, Shannon, Tompkins, Wash, Walters, & Barton Speaker

Those who voted in the Negative are Messrs. Adams, Brown of Ho.wd, Clark, Cottle, English, Harris, Hardin, Hogan, Jones, Marks, Magness, McDermid, Moore, Munro, Ranney, Ravenscroft Rodgers, Lewel, and Talbot,—

Whereupon ordered that the Legislative Council be made acquainted therewith—

A Message from the Legislative Council by Mr. Riddick—

Mr Speaker,— The Legislative Council have this day passed a Bill, entitled "An act Supplementary to an act to authorise a Lottery, for the purchase of fire engines and other apperatus for the extinguishment of fire for the use of the town of St Louis" Which bill is herewith sent for the concurrence of the house of Representatives

On Motion of Mr. Honey, Resolved, That the petitioners from the Southern Western part of the County of St Louis and the Northern part of the County of St Genevieve praying for a New County, have leave to introduce witnesses before the Committee of the Whole to whom has been referred the Bill on that Subject. When, the House Resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole agreeably to the order of the day On Said Bill, Mr. Le Duc, in the Chair, and after Some Time Spent therein the committee rose, the Speaker Resumed the Chair, And Mr Le Duc Reported, that the Committee of the whole had agreably to order had Said Bill under Consideration Some time Made Some progress therein; and asked leave to Sit again Which was granted by the house

Mr Nash presented a Counter petition Remonstrating against the formation of a County out of the Counties of St Louis & St Genevieve Which petition being read, Ordered, that the Same be Referred to the Committee of the Whole to whom is Referred the Consideration of the Bill on that Subject

The Bill from the Legislative Council entitled "An act Supplementary to an act to Authorise a Lottery for the purchase of fire Engines and other apparatus for the enclinguishment of fire for the use of the Town of St Louis" Was taken up and Read the first time, and on the question Shall the Bill be Read a Second time; and the Vote thereon it was Carried in the affirmative

The house again Resolved itself into a Committee of the whole agreeably to order, on the Bill erecting a part of the Counties of St Louis and Ste Genevieve into a Separate and distinct County Mr LeBlanc in the Chair and after some time Spent therein the Committee Rose the Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr LeBlanc Reported that the Committee of the whole had agreeably to order had said Bill under Consideration Some time and had agreed to the Same with Sundry amend-ments, Which Report was taken up Read and Concurred in by the house,

Whereupon Ordered that Said Bill be Engrossed for its third Reading and final passage on Monday next—

Mr Nash presented a Memorial from the President and directors of the Bank of Missouri, praying an extention of their priveledges as granted by their former Charter, Which petition being Read,

Ordered that the Same be Referred to a Select committee of three with leave to Report by Bill or otherwise, Whereupon Messrs Nash, Honey, & Watters were appointed that Committee

A Message from the Legislative Council by Mr Cook

Mr Speaker— The Legislative Council do Concur in the Memorial to the Congress of the United States Respecting a State Government— The said Memorial is here with Returned—

The Several orders of the day were further postponed

When the house adjourned till tomorrow morning 10 oClock

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Saturday November 14th 1818

The House met pursuant to adjournment

On motion of Mr Moore, Ordered, that the Memorial to the Congress of the United States on the Subject of Preemptions, be Recommitted to a committee of the whole House and made the Order of the day for Monday next

A Message from the Committee to whom was Referred the petition of the petition of Frederick Hall & Eliza & Sarah Smith, Reported a Bill Declaring the powers of the Administrators on the estate of William Smith, deceased, Which Bill was Received and Read the first time, and was Ordered to a Second Reading—

Mr Tompkins agreeably to Notice obtained Leave and introduced a Bill Supplementary to an act Concerning certain administrators in the County of Howard. Which Bill was Read the first time and Ordered to a second Reading— and the Legislative Council were requested Therewith

Mr. Wash gave Notice that on Monday next he would ask leave to bring in a Bill for the limitation of actions to be brought for the inheritance or possession of Real property— and the Legislative Council had notice thereof—

Mr. Geyer from the Judiciary Committee to whom was Referred the Communication of Alexander Stewart on those Subjects, Reported a Bill, Supplementary to the acts for the punishment of Certain Crimes— Also a Bill Supplementary to the acts Regulating proceedings on writs of Habeas Corpus, Which Bills were Severally Read, the first time, and Ordered to a Second Reading and the Legislative Council had notice thereof— Whereupon Ordered that Said Bills be printed for the use of the Members of both houses—

A Message from the Legislative Council by Mr. Riddick Mr Speaker— The Legislative Council do not Concur in passing the Bill entitled An Act to Repeal an act to incorporate a Board of trustees for Superintending Schools in the Town of St. Louis Which Said Bill is herewith Returned—

The House Resolved itself into a Committee of the whole agreeably to the order of the day on the Bill to Authorise Josiah Millard to Establish a ferry on the Mississippi to be propelled by Steam or horses— Mr Lovel in the Chair, and after Some time Spent therein the Committee Rose the Speaker Resumed the Chair and Mr Lovel Reported, that the Committee of the Whole had agreeably to order had Said Bill under Consideration Some time and agreed to the Same with Some amendments, Which Report was taken up and Concured in by the house—

Whereupon Ordered that Said Bill be Engrossed for its third Reading on Monday next—

Mr Geyer presented the following Resolution, Which was adopted by the house to wit

Resolved That the executive of this Territory be Requested, to lay before this house, any information Which he may possess, proper to be Communicated, Relative to any Cession, made by the United States, to any Tribe or Tribes of Indians, of any Lands, on the Kansas or little Platte Rivers in this Territory

The Bill from the Legislative Council Supplementary to An act authorising a Lottery for the purchase of fire engines & other apparatus for the extinguishment of fire for the use of the Town of St Louis, was taken up and read the Second time, Whereon a motion the Rule of this house Requiring that Bills Should be read on three Several days was dispensed with, and Said Bill was read the third time in order for its final passage, and on the Question "Shall the Bill pass" and the Yeas & Nays thereon, it was carried in the affirmative— and the Legislative Council made acquainted therewith

On Motion of Mr Hogan, Ordered that a Committee of three be appointed, to enquire into the expediency of dividing the County of Arkansas into Separate and distinct Counties, with Leave to Report by Bill or otherwise

Whereupon Messrs Hogan Austin and Davidson were appointed that Committee — and Mr Legislative Councie were made acquainted therewith —

Mr Ellis from the Committee to whom was referred the petition of some of the inhabitants of the South western part of the County of St Louis praying to be attached to the County of Washington, made report favorable to the wishes of said petitioners, which being Read, On Motion of Mr Austin Ordered, that the same be Referred to the Committee of the Whole to whom is Referred the Consideration of the Bill Erecting a part of the County of St Louis into a Separate County —

When the House Resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole agreeably to order on said Bill & Report, Mr Smith in the Chair and after Some time Spent therein the committee rose the Speaker Resumed the Chair and Mr Smith Reported that the Committee of the Whole had agreeably to order had under consideration same time said Bill & Report, had agreed to disagree to said Report, made Some progress in said Bill, and asked leave to Sit again and leave was granted by the house —

The Several orders of the day were further postponed

When the house adjourned till Monday Morning 10 o'Clock

Monday November 16th 1818

The House met pursuant to Adjournment

Mr Smith from the Committee to whom was Referred the Several petitions from the County of St Charles praying for the establishment of New Counties; Reported three Several Bills, for the erecting of three additional Counties out of the County of St Charles — Which Bills were Severally Read the first time, and ordered to their Second Readings and the Legislative Councie were acquainted therewith —

Mr Nash agreeably to Notice obtained Leave and introduced a Bill for the limitation of Actions to be brought for the inheritance or possession of Real property, which Bill was Read the first time, and ordered to its Second reading

The Engrossed Bill Authorising Josiah Dillard to Establish a ferry on the Mississippi &c was taken up and read the Third time, and on the Question Shall the Bill pass? and the vote thereon it was carried in the affirmative, and ordered that its title be "an act, to authorise Josiah

Millard, to establish a ferry on the Mississippi River, to be propelled by Steam or horses"— and ordered that the Same be Sent for the Concurrence of the Legislative Council —

The house Resolved itself into a committee of the whole agreeably to the order of the day, on the Bill Erecting a part of the County of St Louis into a Separate and District County, Mr. Smith in the Chair; and after Some time Spent therein the Committee Rose, the Speaker Resumed the Chair and Mr. Smith Reports, that the Committee of the Whole had agreeably to order, had Said Bill under Consideration Some time, and agreed to the Same with Some amendments — Which Report was taken up and Concurred in by the house — as also the Report made by the Same committee on Saturday last Whereupon, Ordered that Said Bill be Engrossed for its third Reading on Thursday Next —

The Engrossed Bill erecting a part of the Counties of St Louis & St Genevieve into a new County, was taken up and Read the third time, in order for its final passage and the question being put "Shall the Bill Pass" — Mr Moore offered and Amendment by way of Rider, which would go to alter the line between the County of St Genevieve, and the New County, So as to make it begin at the mouth of the Platin Creek instead of beginning at the Isle au Bois — and the Vote being ascertained on Said Proposed amendment it was determined in the Negative

Ayes 4
Nays 19

The ayes & Nays being called for on this Subject, those who Voted in the affirmative are Messrs Charles, Moore Shannon and Walters,

Those who Voted in the negative are Messrs Adams Austin, Clark, Cottle, Geyer, Harris, Hendrix Haney, Hogan Jones, Le Duc, Mag-nis, McKenney, McNeely Munro, Rowenscroft, Richardson, Rodgers, Ross, Talbot Tompkins, Nash, and Barton Speaker —

And the Question Recurring "Shall the bill pass" and the Vote Thereon it was carried in the affirmative, And Ordered that the title of Said Bill "An Act erecting a part of the Counties of St Louis & St Genevieve into a Separate county by the Name of Jefferson County" — Whereupon Ordered that the Same be Sent for the Concurrence of the Legislative Council —

The Bill enlarging the powers of the Administrators of Wm Smith deceased was taken up and Read the Second time and declared by the Speaker Ready for commitment or engrossment Whereupon ordered that Said Bill be engrossed for its third Reading on Thursday next —

The Bill Supplementary to the act concerning Certain Administrators in the County of Howard was taken up and Read the Second time, and declared by the Speaker ready for commitment or Engrossment — Whereupon Ordered that Said Bill be Engrossed for its third Reading on Thursday next.

The Bill Supplementary to the acts for the punishment of Certain Crimes, was taken up and read the Second time and declared by the Speaker Ready for Commitment or engrossment Whereupon Ordered that Said bill be committed to a committe of the whole house and made the order of the day for Friday next

The Bill Supplementary to the Acts Regulating proceedings on writs of Habeas Corpus, was taken up and Read the Second time and declared by the Speaker Ready for Commitment or engrossment,

Whereupon Ordered that Said Bill be Committed to a committe of the Whole and made the order of the day for Friday next —

Mr Tompkins from the Committe appointed on that Subject, Reported a Bill to amend the act Respecting Towns in this Territory, Which Bill was Read the first time, and ordered to its Second Reading —

The several orders of the day were further postponed

When the house adjourned till tomorrow Morning 10 oClock —

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Tuesday November 17th 1818

The House met pursuant to Adjournment

The Bill to Amend the Act Respecting Towns in this Territory was taken up and Read the Second time, and declared by the Speaker Ready for Commitment or Engrossment, —

Whereupon Ordered that Said Bill be Committed to a Committee of the whole House and made the order of the day for tomorrow —

The three Several Bills establishing new Counties in the County of St Charles, Received their Second Readings and was Declared by the Speaker Ready for Commitment or Engrossment,

Whereupon Ordered that each of Said Bills be Committed to a committee of the whole house and made the order of the day for tomorrow

The Bill for the limitation of Actions to be brought for the inheritance or possession of true property, was read the Second time, and declared by the Speaker Ready for commitment or engrossment — Whereupon ordered that Said Bill be Committed to a Committe of the whole house & made the order for Tomorrow —

The House Resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House agreeably to order, On the Bill to provide a mode of proceeding against absent and absconding debtors, Mr. English in the Chair and after Some time Spent therein the Committee Rose the Speaker Resumed the Chair and Mr. English Reported, that the Committee of the Whole had agreeably to order had Said Bill under Consideration Some time, And agreed to the Same with Sundry amendments — Which Report was laid on the Table —

Mr. Geyer offered a Resolution Requesting the delegate in Congress from this territory to use his best exertions to procure the passage of a law to authorize the people of this Territory to form a Constitution and State Government and to provide for their admission into the union on an equal footing with the original States, and for other purposes — Which Resolution being Read, was laid on the table —

Mr Nash gave notice that on tomorrow he would ask leave to bring in a Bill for the Relief of Joseph C. Brown — And the Legislative Council were Made acquainted therewith —

The House Resolved itself into a Committee of the whole agreeably to order, on the Memorial to the Congress of the United States, on the Subject of preemptions, Mr Ellis in the Chair, And after Some time Spent therein the Committee Rose, the Speaker Resumed the Chair, and Mr Ellis Reported, That the Committee of the whole had agreeably to order had said Memorial under Consideration Some time, And had agreed to the Same with Some amendments, Which Report was Concurred in by the house — Whereupon Ordered that Said Memorial be engrossed for its third Reading on Friday next —

The Several orders of the day were further postponed

When the House adjourned till tomorrow

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Wednesday Nov. 18th 1818

The House met pursuant to Adjournment.

Mr Nash agreeably to Notice obtained leave and introduced a Bill for the Relief of Joseph C. Brown — Which Bill was Read the first time, and ordered to its Second Reading

Mr Haney from the Committee to whom was referred the petition on that Subject, Reported a Bill for the Relief of Joseph Andrews — Which Bill was Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table —

Mr Geyer from the Committee of Enrollments Reported that they had examined and found truly enrolled, a Bill entitled an act, providing for the erecting of a Jail in the County of Cape Girardeau — Also

a Memorial & Resolution to the Congress of the United States on the Subject of a State Government, Which the Speaker Signed & Ordered that the Same be Sent for the Signature of the President of the Legislative Council

A Message from the Legislative Council by Mr Cook Mr Speaker, the Legislative Council do Concur in passing the Bill entitled An Act authorising Josiah Millard to establish a ferry on the Mississippi River to be propelled by Steam or horses - which Bill is herewith Returned

A Message from the Legislative Council by Mr Brodhead Mr Speaker - The Legislative Council do Concur in passing the bill entitled An act erecting a part of the Counties of St Louis and St Genevieve into a Separate County by the name of Jefferson County, with an amendment to the Same, which Said Bill and amendment are herewith Sent for the Concurrence of the house of Representatives in Said amendment - Which Said Amendment was taken up and Concurred in by the house, And the Legislative Council were acquainted Therewith

The House Resolved itself into a committe of the whole agreeably to order, on the Memorial to the Congress of the United States on the Subject of unconfirmed land titles Mr Hardin in the Chair And after Some time Spent therein the Committe Rose the Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr. Hardin Reported that the Committee of the whole had agreeably to order Said Memorial under Consideration Some time and agreed to the Same with Some amendments - which Report was taken up and agreed to by the house - Whereupon ordered that Said Memorial be engrossed for its third Reading on Saturday next -

Mr Nash gave notice that on tomorrow he would ask leave to bring in a Bill to Amend the acts giving Chancery jurisdiction to the Superior Court of this territory - and the Legislative Council were acquainted therewith -

The house Resolved itself into a committe of the whole agreeably to order, on the Bill Supplementary to the act respecting towns in this Territory, Mr Ravenscroft in the Chair, And after Some time Spent therein the Committe Rose the Speaker Resumed the Chair, And Mr Ravenscroft Reported that the Committee of the whole had agreeably to ~~Instruct~~ order had Said Bill under consideration Some time and Made Some progress therein and asked leave to Set again, Which was granted -

On Motion of Mr. Ellis, Ordered that the petitions from the Inhabitants of the Southeastern part of the County of St Genevieve and the western part of the County of Cape Girardeau be Recommitted to the Same Select Committee to whom they were formerly Referred, And Mr Hogan and Mr Davidson were added to Said Committe -

Mr Wash gave notice that on tomorrow he would ask leave to bring in a Bill to provide adaditional Compensation for Circuit attornies —

Mr Ranney gave notice that on Tuesday next he would ask leave to bring in a Bill giving to the Circuit Courts Chancery jurisdiction —

Mr Geyer. from the Committee appointed on that subject Reported a Bill prescribing the mode of Selecting & returning Jurors, Which bill was Received and read the first time and ordered to its Second Reading

The house again Resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on the Bill to amend the act Respecting Towns in this Territory, Mr Ravenscroft in the Chair, and after Some time Spent therein the Committee Rose the Speaker Resumed the Chair, and Mr. Ravenscroft Reported that the Committee of the Whole had agreeably to order had said Bill under Consideration Some time, and made Some further progress therein, — When on Motion of Mr Geyer, ordered that the Committee of the Whole be discharged from the further consideration of said Bill — When

On Motion of Mr Geyer Ordered that Said Bill be Recommitted to the Select Committee who Reported the Same —

The House Resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on the Bill to be entitled an act establishing the County of Montgomery, Mr Clarke in the Chair, and after Some time Spent therein the Committee Rose the Speaker resumed the Chair, And Mr Clarke Reported, that the Committee of the whole had agreeably to order had Said Bill under Consideration Some time and Made Some progress therein and asked leave to Sit again

The Several orders of the day were further postponed

The house Adjourned till tomorrow Morning 10 o'Clock —

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Thursday November 19th 1818

The house met pursuant to Adjournment

On Motion of Mr Tompkins, Ordered that two additional members be added to the Committee to whom was Recommitted the bill to Amend the act Respecting towns in this territory.

Whereupon Mr. Wash & Mr Toney were made that additional Committee —

Mr Wash agreeably to notice introduced a Bill supplementary to the act giving Chancery jurisdiction to the Superior Court in this territory. which Bill was Received and read the first time — and ordered to its Second Reading

Mr Hogan from the Committee appointed on that Subject, Reported a Bill providing for the dividing the South Western part of the County of Arkansas into three Separate Counties — Which Bill was Received and Read the first time and ordered to its Second Reading

Mr Geyer from the Judiciary Committee to whom was Referred the Communication of Judge Alexander Stewart, Reported a Bill Supplementary to an act entitled a Law of Defalcation — Which Bill was Read the first time, and ordered to its Second Reading

On motion of Mr. Harris ordered that the Committee of the Whole have leave to sit again, on the Bill to be entitled an act providing for erecting the County of Montgomery

When the house Resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on Said Bill, Mr Marks in the Chair, and after Some time Spent therein the Committee Rose the Speaker Resumed the Chair and Mr Marks Reported that the Committee of the Whole had agreeably to order had Said Bill under Consideration Some time and agreed to the Same with Some amendments — which Report was agreed to by the house — And Ordered that Said Bill be engrossed for its Third Reading on Saturday Next —

Mr Cottle obtained Leave of absence for four days on account of bad health —

A Message from the Legislative Council by Mr Dawson Mr Spencer — The Legislative Council do not concur in passing the Bill entitled "An act for Restraining the Negotiation of promisory or other notes, bills of exchange, drafts, orders and undertakings in writing for the payment of any Sum less than five Dollars and for other purposes, which bill is herewith Returned —

The Engrossed Bill erecting a part of the County of Saint Louis into a Separate County was taken up and Read, and on the question Shall the Bill pass and the vote thereon it was Carried in the affirmative — And ordered that its title be "An Act erecting a part of the County of St Louis into a Separate and distinct County by the Name of Franklin County" And Ordered that the Same be Sent for the concurrence of the Legislative Council —

The engrossed Bill enlarging the powers of the Administrators on the estate of William Smith deceased — was taken up and Read the Third Time — And on the Question Shall the Bill pass" and the vote thereon it was carried in the affirmative And ordered that its title be "An Act enlarging the powers of the Administrators on the estate of William Smith deceased" And ordered that the Same be Sent for the Concurrence of the legislative Council —

The Engrossed Bill Supplementary to an act Concerning Certain Administrators in the County of Howard

was taken up and Read the third time, and on the question "Shall the Bill pass" and the Vote thereon, it was carried in the affirmative — And Ordered that its title be "an act Supplementary to an act Concerning Certain Administrators in the County of Howard" Whereupon Ordered that the same be Sent for the Concurrence of the Legislative Council —

On Motion of Mr Austin, Ordered that the Resolutions Requesting the exertions of the Delegate in Congress from this territory, in procuring the passage of Certain laws, be committed to a Committee of the Whole house and made the order of the day Tomorrow

The house Resolved itself into a Committee of the whole agreeably to order, on the Bill to be entitled an Act establishing the County of Lincoln, Mr Ross in the Chair and after Some time Spent therein the Committee Rose, the Speaker Resumed the Chair, And Mr Ross Reported that the Committee of the Whole had agreeably to order had Consideration Some time And had said Bill under with Some amendments — when

The house adjourned till tomorrow morning 10 o'clock

Friday November 20th 1818

The house met pursuant to adjournment

The Bill for the Relief of Joseph C. Brown was Read the Second time, Whereupon ordered that said Bill be engrossed for its third Reading on tuesday next —

The Bill Supplementary to the act prescribing the mode of Selecting and Returning Jurors was Read the Second time Whereupon ordered that said Bill be ~~printed~~ and Committed to a committee of the whole house and made the order of the day for Monday next —

The Bill Supplementary to the act giving Chancery Jurisdiction to the Superior Court of this territory was Read the Second time, Whereupon ordered that the Same be engrossed for its third Reading on Monday next —

The bill Supplementary to the law of Defalcation was Read the Second time, Whereupon ordered that the Same be engrossed for its third Reading on tuesday next —

The Bill for dividing the Southwestern part of the County of Arkansas into three Separate Counties" was Read the Second time, And ordered that said Bill be committed to a committee of the Whole house and made the order of the day for Monday next —

Mr. Wash agreeably to notice obtained leave & introduced a Bill providing additional compensation for Circuit attornies — Which Bill was read the first time, and ordered to its Second Reading —

the engrossed Memorial on the Subject of unconfirmed land titles was taken up and Read the third time, and on the question "Shall the Memorial pass" and the vote thereon it was Carried in the affirmative — And ordered that the same be Sent for the Concurrence of the Legislative Council —

The Report of the Committee of the Whole, on the Bill prescribing the mode of proceeding against absent & absconding debtors, was taken up Read, Amended, and Concurred in by the house — And ordered that Said Bill be engrossed for its third Reading on Wednesday next —

A Message from the Legislative Council by Mr Dawson the Speaker — The Legislative Council in the absence of their President have appointed the Honble Mr Pedrick President pro Tempore —

The house Resolved itself into a Committee of the whole agreeably to order, on the Bill Supplementary to the acts for the punishment of Certain Crimes — the Honble Mr Meek in the Chair and after Some time Spent therein the Committee Rose the Speaker Resumed the Chair and the Honble Mr Meek Reported that the Committee of the whole had agreeably to order had Said Bill under Consideration Some time and agreed to the Same with Some amendments which Report was Concurred in by the house — And Ordered that Said Bill be engrossed for its third Reading on Wednesday next —

The house Resolved itself into a Committee of the whole agreeably to order on the Bill Supplementary to the acts Regulating the proceedings on writs of Habeas Corpus the Honble Mr Brown of N. in the Chair and after Some time Spent Therein the Committee Rose the Speaker Resumed the Chair and the Honble Mr Browne Reported that the Committee of the whole had agreeably to order had Said Bill under Consideration Some time and had agreed to the Same with Some amendments — Which was ordered to lie on the table —

The house Resolved itself into a Committee of the whole agreeably to order on the bill for limitation of actions to be brought for the inheritance or possession of Real property — the Honble Magness in the Chair — and after Some time Spent therein the Committee Rose the Speaker Resumed the Chair and the Honble Magness Reported That the Committee of the whole had agreeably to order had Said Bill under Consideration Some time, And agreed to the Same with Some amendments — which Report was taken up amended and concurred in by the house

The several orders of the day were further postponed, when the house adjourned till tomorrow Morning 10 Oclock

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Saturday Nov. 21st 1818

The house met pursuant to adjournment

Mr Geyer presented a Remonstrance from a number of the inhabitants of the old county of St Charles against the formation of a third new County — which Remonstrance being Read, was [illegible] on the table —

A Message from the Legislative Council by Mr Dawson Mr Speaker — The Legislative Council do concur in passing a Memorial to the Congress of the U.S. on the Subject of unconfirmed Lands with an amendment to the same which Memorial and amendment are herewith returned for the Concurrence of the house of Representatives in said amendment

The L. C. have this day appointed Mr Dawson a Committee of Enrollments pro tem —

On Motion of Mr. Adams Ordered that two additional Members be added to the Committee to whom was referred the petitions from the County of Howard praying for new Counties — Whereupon Mr. Tompkins and Mr Austin were appointed that Committee —

Mr Rodgers presented other petitions from the inhabitants of the County of Howard South of the Missouri praying for a new county — which petitions were Read and referred to the committee to whom was referred the former petitions on that Subject

Mr Geyer presented the petition of Estella M. Harvey praying for a divorce which being Read was ordered to be referred to a Select Committee of three with leave to report by bill or otherwise —

Whereupon Messrs Geyer Heaney & Tompkins were appointed that Committee

A Message from the Legislative Council by Mr Peabody Mr Speaker — The Legislative Council do concur in passing the Bill entitled an act supplementary to an act concerning certain administrators in the County of Howard with an amendment to the same, which Bill and amendment are herewith returned for the concurrence of the House of Representatives in said amendment —

Mr. Geyer obtained leave of absence for one week after this day —

Mr Barton Speaker, obtained leave of absence for one week after this day — Mr Smith obtained leave of absence for one week after this day

The House Resolved itself into a committee of the whole agreeably to order on the Resolutions to the delegate Representing this territory in Congress - Mr Rodgers in the Chair and after some time Spent therein the Committee Rose the Speaker Resumed the Chair and Mr Rodgers Reported that the Committee of the whole had agreeably to order had said Resolutions under Consideration Some time and agreed to the same with Some amendments - Which Report was concurred in by the house, and ordered that said Resolutions be engrossed for their third Reading this day - And said Resolutions being engrossed, were read the third time, and on the question Shall the Resolutions pass" and the vote thereon it was carried in the affirmative - When the same were Sent for the Concurrence of the Legislative Council -

The Engrossed Memorial on the Subject of Preemptions was taken up and read the third time, passed, and Sent for the Concurrence of the Legislative Council -

Mr Austin presented the petition of Monick Carlonic praying for a divorce which was referred to the committee to whom was referred the petition of Estella Harvey on a Similar Subject

The Bill Supplementary to the act, allowing circuit attorneys additional Compensation, was read the Second time and ordered to be engrossed for its third Reading on Wednesday next

A Message from the Legislative Council by Mr Dawson Mr Speaker - The Legislative Council do concur in the Resolutions to be forwarded to the delegate Representing this territory in Congress, which said Resolutions are herewith returned -

The Amendments made by the Legislative Council to the Memorial on the Subject of unconfirmed land Claims were taken up and concurred in by the house - And the Legislative Council were made acquainted therewith -

Mr Harvey was appointed one of the Committee of Enrollments pro tempore, in the place of Mr Geyer who had obtained leave of absence, & the Legislative Council were acquainted therewith

The amendments to the Bill Supplementary to the act Concerning certain Administrators in the County of Howard was taken up & Concurred in by the house and the Legislative Council were made acquainted therewith -

On Motion of Mr Austin Resolved that the Clerk of this house be and he is hereby authorized to employ an Enrolling and engrossing Clerk for the remainder of the Session

Mr Honey from the Committee of Enrollments Reported that They had examined and found truely Enrolled the Resolutions to the delegate in Congress Representing this Territory Also, an enrolled Bill intitled "an Act, Supplementary to the act Authorising a Lottery for the purchase of fire engines & other apparatus for the extinguishment of fire for the use of the town of St. Louis — When the Speaker Signed the Same; and they were Sent for the Signature of the President of the Legislative Council —

The Several orders of the day were further postponed, When the house Adjourned till Monday Morning 10 oClock

Monday November 23rd 1818

The house met met pursuant to Adjournment The Speaker being absent on leave, Mr Hogan was nominated and appointed Speaker pro tempore and the Legislative Council were made acquainted therewith

Mr. Honey presented the petition of William Sullivan, praying Remuneration for certain Services Rendered to the Circuit Court for the County of St. Louis as Bailiff, Which petition was Read, and Ordered that the Same be referred to a Select Committee with Leave to Report by bill or otherwise

Whereupon Messrs Honey, Nash, & Le Duc were appointed that Committee

On Motion of Mr. Nash the Vote of Saturday last for engrossing the bill allowing additional Compensation to Circuit attornies — was Reconsidered — When said Bill was committed to a committee of the whole house and made the order of this day —

The Engrossed Bill for erecting the County of Montgomery was Read the Third time in order for its final passage When on Motion of Mr McDermid ordered that Said bill together with the Counter petitions and other documents Respecting the Same be Recommitted to a Select committee of three — Whereupon Messrs McDermid Clark and Talbot were appointed that committee —

Mr Shannon from the Committee to whom was Referred the petition on that Subject Reported a Bill Supplementary to "an act entitled "An act to incorporate the trustees of the St Genevieve Academy, which Bill was Read the first time, and ordered to its Second Reading

Mr. Browne from the committee of Enrollments that they had examined and found duly enrolled a bill entitled "An Act erecting a part of the Counties of St Louis & St Genevieve into a Separate and

distinct County by the name of Jefferson County. Also a Bill entitled "an act Supplementary to an act Authorising Josiah Millard to establish a ferry on the Mississippi to be propelled by Steam or horses — when the Speaker signed the same, and ordered that the Same be sent for the Signature of the president of the Legislative Council

The House Resolved itself into a committee of the Whole agreeably to order on the Bill providing for the division of the South Western part of the County of Arkansas into three Separate Counties, Mr Harris in the Chair, and after Some time Spent therein the Committee Rose, the Speaker Resumed the Chair and Mr Harris Reported that the Committee of the whole had agreeably to order had Said Bill under consideration Some time and made Some progress therein and asked leave to Sit again, which was granted by the house

Mr Ranney gave notice that on tomorrow he would ask leave to bring in a Bill, amending the act giving powers to the Circuit Courts to grant injunctions Also, on Thursday next a Bill giving the Judges of the Circuit Courts power to grant writs of Ne-exeat — Also on Tuesday next a Bill to amend the acts directing the probate of wills and the Settlement of intestate estates

Mr McKerrid from the Committee to whom was referred the Bill Establishing the County of Montgomery, together with the Remonstrance against Said County, Reported that they had, performed that duty and were of opinion that Said Remonstrance was unreasonable and ought not to be attended to Which Report was concurred in by the house, when Said Bill was again taken up, and the question again recurring "Shall the Bill pass" and the vote thereon it was carried in the affirmative, and ordered that its title be "An Act establishing the County of Montgomery" — . Whereupon Ordered that the Same be Sent for the concurrence of the Legislative Council —

On motion of Mr Ellis the Bill providing for the division of the County of Arkansas into Three Separate Counties, was taken up, and ordered that the Committee of the Whole House come to Sit again on Said Bill, when the house Resolved itself into a committee of the Whole on Said Bill Mr Harris in the Chair and after Some time Spent therein the Committee rose the Speaker Resumed the Chair and Mr Harris Reported that the Committee of the whole had agreeably to order had Said Bill under consideration Some time and made Some progress therein and asked leave to Sit again, which was granted by the house

The several orders of the day were further postponed, when the house adjourned till tomorrow morning 10. oclock

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Tuesday November 24th 1818

The house met pursuant to adjournment

The Bill Supplementary to an act entitled an act to incorporate the trustees of the St Lawrence Academy was Read the second time, when on motion of Mr Shannon ordered that said Bill be engrossed for its third reading on tomorrow —

Mr Browne from the Committee of Enrollments Reported that they had examined and found truly enrolled a Bill entitled "an act Supplementary to an act Concerning Certain Administrators in the County of Howard" — Whereupon the Speaker Signed said Bill and ordered that the same be sent for the Signature of the president of the Legislative Council —

Mr. Moore gave notice that on tomorrow he would ask leave to bring in a Bill allowing Compensation to the Members of the present General assembly and the officers thereof — also a Bill making appropriations for the year eighteen hundred and Eighteen — And the Legislative Council were acquainted therewith

Mr Haney from the Committee to whom was referred the petition of William Sullivan Reported "a Bill for the Relief of William Sullivan, which Bill was received and Read the first time and ordered to its second reading

Mr Nash from the Committee to whom was referred the petitions on that Subject — Reported "a Bill for the Security and encouragement of builders and undertakers" — which Bill was received and Read the first time, and ordered to its second Reading — And ordered that the Legislative Council be made acquainted therewith

The Engrossed Bill ~~for the~~ for the "Relief of Joseph C. Brown was taken up and Read the third time in order for its final passage, and on the Question "Shall the Bill pass" and the vote thereon, it was Determined in the negative and ordered that the Legislative Council be made acquainted therewith

The Engrossed "Bill Supplementary to the Law of defalcation" was taken up and Read the third time, and on the Question "shall the Bill pass" and the vote thereon it was carried in the affirmative, and ordered that its title be "An Act Supplementary to the Law of defalcation" & the same was sent for the concurrence of the L. Council

The house Resolved itself into a committee of the whole agreeably to order on the Bill allowing Circuit attornies additional compensation, Mr Lonsptens in the Chair and after Some time Spent therein the committee Rose the Speaker Resumed the Chair, And Mr Lonsptens Reported that the Committe of the whole had agreeably to order had said Bill under Consideration Some time and agreed to the Same with Some amendments, Which Report was concurred in by the house, And ordered that said Bill be engrossed for its Third Reading on Tomorrow—

Mr Ramey agreeably to notice, obtained leave to introduced a Bill in addition to, and amendment "an act entitled "an act Supplementary to an act, and amendment of the Several acts directing the probate of wills and for other purposes — which Bill was Read the first time and ordered to its Second Reading—

The Engrossed Bill establishing the County of Lincoln was Read the third time in order for its final passage and on the Question, Shall the Bill Pass and the Note thereon it was carried in the affirmative, and ordered that its title be an Act for Establishing the County of Lincoln, When the Same was Sent for the Concurrence of the Legislative Council

Mr Nash from the Committee to whom was referred the petition on that Subject Reported a Bill Supplementary to an act to incorporate the Stockholders of the Bank of Missouri, which Bill was Read the first time and ordered to its Second Reading— And on motion of Mr Nash ordered that Said Bill be printed for the use of the members of Both houses—

The house Resolved itself into a committee of the whole agreeably to order on the Bill to be entitled an act establishing the County of Pike — Mr Ramey in the Chair and after Some time Spent therein the Committe Rose the Speaker Resumed the Chair and Mr. Ramey Reported that the Committe of the whole had agreeably to order had said Bill under Consideration Some time and agreed to the Same with Some amendments, which Report was concurred in by the house, And ordered that said Bill be engrossed for its Third Reading on Tomorrow

Mr. Ramey obtained leave previous to the time at which he had given notice, he would ask leave and introduced a Bill in addition to an act entitled an act Regulating to amend an act, intitled an act regulating the mode of Judicial proceedings in certain Cases & extending certain powers to the General Court"

which Bill was read the first time and ordered to its Second reading

Mr Austin presented certain Resolutions respecting the organization of the County of Arkansas into a Territorial Government & for other purposes, which Resolutions being read, ordered that the Same be Committed to a committee of the whole house and made the order of the day for tomorrow —

The engrossed Bill to amend the acts giving Chancery powers to the Superior Court of this territory was read the third time, and on the question Shall the Bill pass? & the vote thereon it was carried in the affirmative, when said Bill received its title and ordered that the Same be Sent for the concurrence of the Legislative Council —

The Several orders of the day were further postponed & then the house adjourned till Tomorrow morning 10 o'Clock

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Wednesday Nov.r 25th 1818

The house met pursuant to adjournment

Mr Moore agreeably to notice obtained leave and introduced a Bill allowing Compensation to the members of the present General assembly and the officers thereof, which Bill was read the first time and ordered to its Second Reading

The Engrossed Bill for Establishing the County of Pike was read the 3rd time in order for its final passage, and the question and vote thereon it was carried in the affirmative, when said Bill received its title and ordered that the Same be Sent for the Concurrence of the Legislative Council —

The Bill for the Security of Builders and ~~[illegible]~~ undertakers was Read the Second time whereupon Ordered that said Bill be committed to a committee of the whole and made the order of the day Tomorrow

The Bill Supplementary to the act incorporating the Stock holders of the Bank of Missouri was Read the Second time — And ordered that the Same be committed to a committee of the whole house and made the order of the day for Wednesday next

The Bill in addition to an act entitled an act supplementary to and amendment of the Several acts directing the probate of wills & for other purposes" was read the Second time, whereupon ordered that said bill be engrossed for its third reading and final passage on Friday next.

The Bill in addition to an act entitled an act to amend an act entitled an act Regulating the mode of Judicial proceedings in certain Cases and excluding certain powers to the General Court" was Read the Second time, And ordered that Said Bill be ~~Engrossed~~ committed to a committe of the Whole house and made the order of the day for Monday next—

A Message from the Legislative Council by Mr. Cook their Speaker, The Legislative Council do Not Concur in Passing the Bill entitled "An Act enlarging the powers of the Administrators on the Estate of William Smith deceased; Which Bill is herewith Returned—

The Report of the Committee of the whole on the Bill Supplementary to the acts prescribing the mode of proceding on writs of Habeas Corpus was taken up Amended and concurred in by the house— Whereupon ordered that Said Bill be engrossed for its third Reading on tomorrow

On Motion of Mr Olney

Ordered that a committee of three be appointed to act Jointly with Such committee as may be appointed on the part of the Legislative Council to Make an abstract from the Returns Made to the General assembly of the inhabitants of the different Counties of this Territory — With instructions to report to their respective houses — And the Legislative Council were made acquainted therewith

The Bill for the Relief of William Sullivan was Read the Second time and ordered to be committed to a committe of the Whole house and made the order of the day for Monday next—

The engrossed Bill Supplementary to the act entitled an act to incorporate the trustes of the Genevese Academy" was Read the third time, and on the question "Shall the Bill Pass" and the vote thereon it was carried in the affirmative, When said Bill Received its title and ordered that the Same be Sent for the Concurrence of the Legislative Council—

The engrossed Bill Supplementary to the acts for the punishment of certain crimes was Read the third time and on the question "Shall the Bill pass and the vote thereon it was carried in the affirmative and ordered that its title be "An act Supplementary to an act for the punishment of certain crimes" Whereupon ordered that the Same be Sent for the concurrence of the Legislative Council—

A Message from the Legislative Council by Mr Dawson
Mr Speaker— The Legislative Council do concur in passing
a Memorial Respecting preemptions, with Some amend-
ments to the Same which Said Memorial and amendments
are herewith Returned for the concurrence of the house of
Representatives in Said amendments— When Said
amendments were taken up and concurred in by the
house, and the Legislative Council acquainted therewith

A Message from the Legislative Council by Mr Perry,
Mr Speaker— The Legislative Council do concur in passing
the Bill entitled "an act erecting a part of the County
of St Louis into a Separate & Distinct County by the
Name of Franklin County, with Some amendments
to the Same which Said amendments together with
the Said Bill are herewith Sent for the concurrence
of the house of Representatives — When

Said amendments were taken up And
On motion of Mr. Harris, that the house dis-
agree to Said amendments, and the vote thereon, it
was carried in the affirmative, and ordered that
the Legislative Council be made acquainted therewith

A Message from the Legislative Council by Mr Cook
Mr Speaker— Mr. Cook has this day been appointed
a Committee on the part of the Legislative Council
Jointly with the Committee appointed by the house
of Representatives to make a general abstract from
the Returns made to the General Assembly of the
inhabitants of the Several Counties of this territory

The Several Orders of the day were further postponed

When the house adjourned till
Tomorrow Morning 10 o'Clock

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Thursday November 26th 1818

The house met pursuant to Adjournment
The Speaker laid before the house the petition of Sundry
inhabitants of the County of St Louis on the Subject of
the Manner of Selecting and Returning Jurors— which
petition being Read ordered that the Same lie on the Table

Mr McDermid presented other petitions from the County
of St Charles praying for a new County— Which petitions
were Read— And ordered that the Same be referred to a
Select Committee with leave to report by bill or otherwise

Whereupon— Messrs McDermid Richardson and
Brown of Howard were appointed that Committee —

Mr Moore agreeably to Notice obtained leave and
introduced a Bill Making appropriations for the

year Eighteen hundred and Eighteen, which Bill was Read the first time and ordered to its Second Reading —

Mr. Marks from the Committee to whom was Recommitted the petitions on that Subject, Reported a Bill erecting a part of the Counties of St Genevieve and Cape Girardeau into a Separate County — which bill was ordered to lie on the table, —

The Bill allowing Compensation to the Members of the present General Assembly and the officers thereof, was Read the Second time, and laid on the table —

The engrossed Bill "prescribing the mode of proceeding against absent and absconding debtors" was Read the third time and on the question "Shall the bill pass" and the vote thereon it was carried in the affirmative — Whereupon said Bill Received its title, And ordered that the same be Sent for the Concurrence of the Legislative Council —

The Engrossed Bill allowing additional Compensation to Circuit attornies, was Read the third time, and on the question "Shall the Bill pass" and the vote thereon it was carried in the affirmative, Whereupon said Bill Received its title, And ordered that the same be Sent for the concurrence of the Legislative Council

A Message from the Legislative Council by Mr. Coulter Speaker, — The Legislative Council do Concur in passing the bill entitled "an act Supplementary to an act entitled an act to incorporate the trustees of the St Genevieve Academy; with an amendment to the said bill, which said amendment, together with the said Bill are herewith Returned for the Concurrence of the house of Representatives

When said amendment was taken up and Concurred in by the house, and the Legislative Council was made acquainted therewith

The house Resolved itself into a committee of the Whole agreeably to order on the Bill for the Security and encouragement of builders and undertakers, Mr Shannon in the Chair, and after Some time Spent therein the committee Rose the Speaker Resumed the chair and Mr Shannon Reported That the Committee of the Whole had agreeably to order had said Bill under consideration Sometime made Some progress therein and asked leave to Sit again — And leave was granted by the house

The Several orders of the day were further Postponed,

When the house adjourned till Tomorrow morning 10 Oclock

Friday November 27th 1818

The house met pursuant to Adjournment

Mr Brown of St. from the Committee to whom was referred the several petitions on that Subject, Reported a Bill erecting three seperate counties out of a part of the County of Howard which Bill was read the first time, and ordered to its second Reading.

The Bill erecting a part of the Counties of St. Genevieve and Cape Girardeau into a separate County, was taken up and read the first time and ordered to its second reading.

Mr Shannon from the committe to whom was refered the petition on that Subject, Reported a Bill providing for the building of a court house in the County of St Genevieve which bill was read the first time and ordered to its second reading

Mr. Honey from the joint Committee who were appointed on that Subject, Reported a general abstract as taken from the returns made to the General assembly of the inhabitants of the different Counties in this territory which Report being read was concurred in by the house and ordered that the Legislative Council be made acquainted therewith — When Mr Honey offered a Resolution requesting the Speaker of the house of Representatives to forward one copy of said abstract to the Speaker of the house of Representatives of the U.S. and one copy to the delegate in Congress representing this territory which Resolution was concurred in by the house and the same was sent for the Concurrence of the Legislative Council —

A Message from the Legislative Council by Mr Perry Mr. Speaker — The Legislative Council do insist on their amendments to the bill intitled an act erecting a part of the County of St Louis into a Separate & distinct County by the name of Franklin County — which said amendments together with the said Bill, are herewith returned and the Legislative Council prays that the house of Representatives recede from their disagreement to the said amendment

The Bill in addition to an act entitled an act Supplementary to and amendment of, the several acts directing the probate of Wills and for other purposes," was read the third time, and on the question "Shall the Bill pass" and the vote thereon it was carried in the affirmative, & then said Bill received its title And Ordered that the same be sent for the Concurrence of the Legislative Council —

The Bill making appropriations for the year 1818 and a part of the years 1819 and 1820 was taken up and read the second time, and laid on the Table

Mr Ellis obtained leave and Reported a Bill erecting a part of the Counties of Cape Girardeau and Lawrence into a Separate County, which Bill was read the first time and ordered to its Second Reading — And the Legislative Councile were notified thereof —

The house again Resolved itself into a Committe of the whole agreeably to order, on the Bill for the Secovery and encouragement of builders and undertakers" Mr Meeks in the Chair and after Some time Spent therein the Committe Rose the Speaker Resumed the Chair and Mr Meeks Reported that the committe of the whole had agreeably to order had Said Bill under consideration Some time and agreed to the Same with Some amendments, which Report was Concurred in by the house, and ordered that Said Bill be engrossed for its third Reading tomorrow

Mr Tompkins presented a petition from a Number of the inhabetants of the County of Howard on the Subject of the Subdivision of Said County, which petition was laid on the table —

The house again Resolved itself into a committe of the Whole agreeably to order on the Bill dividing the Southwestern part of the County of Arkansas into three Separate Counties — Mr Harris in the Chair and after Some time Spent therein the Committe Rose the Speaker Resumed the Chair and Mr Harris Reported that the Committe of the Whole had agreeably to order had Said Bill under consideration Some time and agreed to the Same with Some amendments which Report was concurred in by the house, and Ordered, that Said Bill be engrossed for its third Reading on Monday next —

A Message from the Legislative Councile by Mr Coster Mr Speaker — The Legislative Councile have agreed on their part, to the Report of the Joint Committe appointed to make a General abstract from the Returns Made to the general Assembly — Also the Legislative Councile do concur in passing A Bill to be entitled an act Supplementary to An act entitled a law of defalcation — which bill is herewith Returned —

The Several orders of the day were further postponed

when the house Adjourned till tomorrow Morning 10 oclock

Saturday November 28th 1818

The house met pursuant to Adjournment

Mr Brown of Howard obtained leave of absence for two weeks—

The Bill erecting a part of the Counties of Ste Genevieve & Cape Girardeau was read the Second time— Whereupon, ordered that Said Bill be committed to a committee of the whole house and made the order of the day for Monday next

The Bill for Subdeviding a a part of the County of Howard into three Separate & distinct Counties, was read the Second time,

Whereupon Ordered that Said Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole house and made the order of the day for Monday next—

The Bill erecting a part of the Counties of ~~the Counties of~~ Cape Girardeau & Lawrence into a Separate and distinct County— was read the Second time—

Whereupon Ordered that Said Bill be committed to a committee of the whole house and made the order of the day for Monday next—

The Bill providing for the building of a Court House in the County of Ste Genevieve, was read the Second time

Whereupon Ordered that Said Bill be Committed to a committee of the Whole house and made the order of the day for Tuesday next—

The Bill for the limitation of actions to be brought for the Inheritance or possession of real property, was taken up and ordered to be engrossed for its third reading on Tuesday next—

A Message from the Legislative Council by Mr Coutter Mr Speaker— The Legislative Council do Concur in passing the Resolution Respecting the forwarding to Congress the general abstract, which Said Resolution is herewith returned—

On Motion of Mr Nash, Resolved, that this House Recede from their disagreement to the amendments made by the Legislative Council to the Bill erecting a part of the County of St Louis into a Separate and distinct County by the name of Franklin County" Resolved also that this House do agree to Said amendments— When the Legislative Council were informed thereof—

The house Resolved itself into a committee of the Whole agreeably to order on the Bill directing the manner of selecting and returning persons; Mr Talbot in the Chair and after some time Spent therein the Committee Rose the Speaker Resumed the chair and Mr Talbot Reported—

That the Committe of the whole had agreeably to order had Said Bill under consideration Some time; And made Some progress therein and asked leave to sit again — which was granted by the house —

A Message from the Legislative Councie by Mr Perry Mr Speaker The Legislative Councie do not Concur in Passing the Bill entitled "an act to amend the acts giving Chancery Powers to the Superior Courts of this territory, and said Bill is herewith Returned —

The house again Resolved itself into a committe of the Whole on the Bill directing the mode of selecting & returning Jurors" Mr Talbot in the Chair and after Some time Spent therein the Committe Rose the Speaker Resumed the Chair and Mr. Talbot Reported, that the Committee of the Whole had agreeably to order had Said Bill under consideration Some time And agreed to the Same with Some amendments — Which Report was Concurred in by the house — And ordered that Said bill be engrossed for its third Reading on Wednesday next —

The Several orders of the day were further postponed when the house adjourned till tomorrow Morning 10 oclock

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Monday November 30th 1818

The house Met pursuant to Adjournment

Mr. Adams obtained leave of absence for ten days, after this day

The Bill for dividing the Southwestern part of the County of Arkansas into three Separate Counties, was Read the third time in order for its final passage When on Motion of Mr. Conway Ordered that Said Bill lie on the table —

A Message from the Legislative Council by Mr Dawson Mr. Speaker The Legislative Council do not Concur in passing the Bill entitled "an act providing additional compensation to Circuit attornies which Bill is herewith Returned

The Bill for the Security and encouragement of builders & undertakers, was taken up and Read the third time, and on the question Shall the Bill pass and the vote thereon it was determined in the Negative,

The house again took up the Bill directing the Southwestern part of the County of Arkansas into three Separate counties, and the question Recurring Shall the Bill Pass and the vote thereon it was carried in the affirmative, When said Bill Received its title and ordered that the Same be Sent for the concurrence of the Legislative Council

the house Resolved itself into a committee of the whole agreeably to order on the Bill in addition to an act entitled an act to amend an act entitled an act Regulating the mode of Judicial proceedings &c Mr Jones in the Chair and after some time Spent therein the committee Rose the Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr Jones reported that the Committee of the whole had agreeably to order had said Bill under consideration Sometime Made Some progress therein and had leave to Sit again, which was granted by the house

The house Resolved itself into a Committee of the whole agreeably to order on the Bill for the relief of William Sullivan Mr Nash in the Chair and after Some time Spent therein the Committee Rose the Speaker Resumed the Chair and Mr Nash reported that the committee of the whole had agreeably to order had said Bill under consideration Some time and agreed to the same without amendments Which report was concurred in by the house and ordered that said Bill be engrossed for its third Reading tomorrow—

The house Resolved itself into a committee of the whole agreeably to order on the Bill erecting a part of the Counties of St Genevieve & Cape Girardeau into a Separate County Mr Clark in the Chair & after Some Time Spent therein the committee Rose the Speaker Resumed the Chair and Mr Clark reported that the Committee of the whole had agreeably to Order had said Bill under consideration Some time and agreed to the same with Some amendments — Which Report was concurred in by the house And ordered that said Bill be engrossed for its third Reading on Thursday next

The house Resolved itself into a committee of the Whole agreeably to order on the bill erecting a part of the Counties of Cape Girardeau & Lawrence into a Separate County, Mr Munro in the Chair and after Some time Spent therein the committee Rose the Speaker Resumed the Chair & Mr Munro Reported that the Committee of the whole had agreed to said bill with Same amendments which Report was concurred in by the house; and ordered that said Bill be engrossed for its third Reading on Wednesday next

A Message from the Legislative Council by Mr Dawson, Mr. Speaker— The Legislative Council do concur in passing a Bill entitled an act Supplementary to an act for the punishment

of certain Crimes, which Said Bill is herewith returned

The several orders of the day were further postponed

When the House adjourned Till tomorrow Morning 10 oclock

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Tuesday December 1st 1818

The House met pursuant to adjournment

Mr. Tompkins from the Committee to whom was recommitted the Bill in addition to the act Respecting Towns in this territory Reported an amended Bill on that Subject, which Bill was read, And ordered that the Same be Committed to a Committe of the whole House and made the order of the day tomorrow

A Message from the Legislative Council by Mr. Perry

Mr Speaker, the Legislative Council do Concur in passing a Bill entitled "An act in addition to an act entitled an act Supplementary to and amendment of the Several acts directing the probate of Wills and for other purposes, which Bill is herewith Returned —

Mr Tompkins agreeably to notice obtained leave and introduced a Bill to Repeal an act entitled "an act to encourage the killing of wolves panthers & Wild Cats" which Bill was read the first time, when it was moved to Reject Said Bill, and the question and vote thereon it was determined in the Negative

Ayes ... 8
Nays 21

The ayes and Nays being called for on the question those who voted in the affirmative are Messrs. Hardin, Hogan, Marks, Magness, McDermid, Moore, Shannon, & Watters

Those who voted in the Negative are Messrs. Austin Browne of N, Clark, English, Ellis, Geyer, Harris, Honey, Jones, Leduc, Musick, Munro, Ramsey, Ravenscroft, Richardson, Rodger, Ross, Talbot, Tompkins, Nash, & Barton Speaker,

Whereupon Said Bill was ordered to its Second Reading, and the Legislative Council were Made acquainted with the introduction thereof

Mr. Geyer from the committee of Enrollments Reported that they had examined and found truly enrolled a Bill entitled "an act Supplementary to an act entitled an act incorporating the trustees of the St Genevieve Academy — Also a Bill entitled "an act Supplementary to an act entitled a law of Defalcation" — Also an enrolled Memorial on the Subject of Preemptioners — Also an enrolled Memorial on the Subject of unconfirmed Land Claims — When Said Bills and Memorials were Signed by the Speaker, & the Same were Sent for the Signature of the President

The engrossed Bill for the limitation of actions to be brought for the possession or inheritance ~~or possession~~ of real property was taken up and read the third time, and on the question "Shall the Bill pass" and the vote thereon it was carried in the affirmative, When said Bill received its title and ordered that the same be sent for the Concurrence of the Legislative Council —

The engrossed Bill directing the mode of selecting and returning Jurors, was read the third time, amended and laid on the table,

The engrossed Bill for the Relief of William Sullivan was read the third time, and on the question "Shall the Bill pass" and the vote thereon it was carried in the affirmative,

Ayes 21
Nays 6

The yeas and nays being called for on this question those who voted in the affirmative are Messrs. Austin Clarke, Harris, Honey, Hogan, Leduc, Marks, Magnes, McKenzie, Moore, Music, Richardson, Rodgers, Ross, Sewel Shannon Talbot, Tompkins, Wash, Watters, & Barton Speaker

Those who voted in the Negative are Messrs. English Hardin, Jones, Munro, Ranney, & Ravenscraft, —

When said Bill received its title and ordered that the same be sent for the Concurrence of the Legislative Council —

The house Resolved itself into a committee of the Whole agreeably to order on the Bill providing for the building of a Court house in the County of St Genevieve Mr. Richardson in the Chair and after some time Spent therein the Committee rose the Speaker Resumed the Chair and Mr. Richardson Reported that the Committee of the Whole had agreed to said Bill without amendments which Report was Concurred in by the house and ordered that said Bill be engrossed for its third Reading on Thursday next. —

The engrossed Bill directing the mode of selecting Jurors was again taken up and the question Recurring Shall the Bill pass, and the vote thereon it was determined in the negative

Ayes 12
Nays 16

The yeas & nays being called for on this question those who voted in the affirmative are Messrs. Austin, Geyer, Honey, Leduc. Marks, Moore, Ross Shannon, Tompkins, Wash, Watters, and Barton Speaker.

Those who voted in the negative are. Messrs. Clarke, English, Ellis, Harris Hardin, Hogan,

Jones, Magness, McDermid, Musick, Munro Ramey
Ravenscraft, Richardson, Rodgers, and Talbot—
The several orders of the day were further
postponed when the house adjourned till
tomorrow morning 10 o'clock

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Wednesday December 2nd 1818

The house met pursuant to Adjournment
Mr. McDermid from the Committee on that Subject Reported a
Bill Supplementary to the several acts of this territory defining
the powers and duties of Justices of the Peace in matters of a
Civil nature and for other purposes" Which Bill was Read the
first time and ordered to its Second Reading—
On Motion of Mr. Geyer ordered that the Committee to whom were
Referred the the Several petitions on the Subject of Divorce, have
power to Receive, and take testimony for or against Said applications
On Motion of Mr Marks a Call of the house was had
and Mr. Browne of Washington, Mr. Sevel, and Mr. Davidson were
noted as absentees without leave,
The Bill to Repeal an act entitled "An Act to encourage
the killing of Wolves, Panthers & Wildcats, was read the Second
time and Ordered that Said Bill be committed to a Committee
of the Whole House and made the order of the day tomorrow
The Bill erecting a part of the Southwestern part of
the County of Cape Girardeau and the eastern part of the County of
Lawrence into a Separate County by the name of Wayne County
was Read the third time, and on the Question Shall the bill
pass" and the Vote thereon it was carried in the affirmative
When Said Bill Received its title, and Ordered that the
Same be Sent for the Concurrence of the Legislature Council
The House Resolved itself into a committee of the
Whole agreeably to order on the Bill Subdividing a part
of the County of Howard into three Separate Counties, Mr.
Geyer in the Chair, and after Some time Spent therein
the committee Rose the Speaker Resumed the Chair and
Mr Geyer Reported that the Committee of of the Whole
had agreeably to order had Said Bill under Consideration
Some time Made Some progress therein and asked leave
to Sit again, which was granted by the house
The house Resolved itself into a Committee
of the Whole agreeably to order on the Bill Supplementary
to the act entitled "an act incorporating the Stockholders
of the bank of Missouri, Mr Geyer in the Chair, and
after Some time Spent therein the Committee Rose the
Speaker Resumed the Chair and Mr Geyer Reported
That the Committee of the Whole had agreeably

to order had said Bill under consideration some time And. Made no progress therein, and asked leave to sit again which was granted by the house

Mr Lewel & Mr Brown both appeared and made their excuse for being absent, when a call of the house was had And their excuses were accepted of by the house

The house again Resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on the bill subdividing a part of the County of Howard into three separate Counties Mr. Geyer in the Chair, and after some time Spent therein the Committee Rose the Speaker Resumed the Chair and Mr Geyer Reported That the Committee of the Whole had made some further progress in said Bill and asked leave to sit again; When On Motion of Mr. Tompkins ordered that said Bill lie on the table —

The Speaker presented to the house a proposition in writing from A Nelson, offering to the Legislature 100 copies of Geyers Digest of the laws of the territory of Missouri, at five Dollars per Volume — which being read was laid on the table —

The house again Resolved itself into a committee of the Whole on the Bill Supplementary to the act entitled "an act incorporating the Stock holders of the Bank of Missouri," Mr. Geyer in the Chair, and after some time Spent therein the committee Rose the Speaker Resumed the Chair and Mr. Geyer Reported that the Committee of the Whole had agreeably to order had said Bill under consideration some time, And made no progress therein and asked leave to sit again, Which was granted by the house

The several orders of the day were further postponed When the house adjourned till Tomorrow Morning 10 oClock

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Thursday December 3rd 1818

The house met pursuant to adjournment

The Bill Supplementary to the several laws of this territory defining the powers and duties of Justices of the peace in matters of a civil Nature and for other purposes' was Read the Second time, Whereupon Ordered that said Bill be committed to a committee of the Whole house and made the order of the day tomorrow

The engrossed Bill providing for the erecting of a court house in the County of St Genevieve was Read the third time and laid on the table

The engrossed Bill erecting a part of the Counties

of St Genevieve and Cape Girardeau into a Separate County by the name of Madison County" was Read the Third time and on the question "Shall the Bill pass" and the Vote thereon it was carried in the affirmative; When said Bill received its title, and Ordered that the Same be Sent for the Concurrence of the Legislative Council

The House again Resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill Supplementary to the act entitled "an act incorporating the Stockholders of the Bank of Missouri" Mr Geyer in the Chair; and after some time Spent therein the committee Rose the Speaker Resumed the Chair, and Mr Geyer Reported, That the Committee of the whole had made Some progress in Said Bill and asked Leave to Sit again. Which was granted by the house

A Message from the Legislative Council by Mr Dawson Mr Speaker— The Legislative Council do Concur in passing the Bill entitled "an act providing a Method of proceeding against absent and absconding debtors" with Some amendments to the Said Bill which Bill and amendments are herewith Sent for the Concurrence of the House of Representatives

A Message from the Legislative Council by Mr Cassidy Mr Speaker— The Legislative Council do Concur in passing the Bill entitled "an act Supplementary to the acts Regulating the proceedings on writs of Habeas Corpus, with an amendment to the Same which Bill and amendment are herewith Sent for the Concurrence of the House of Representatives

The Speaker laid before the house a letter from John Harvey on the Subject of a divorce applied for by his wife on petition, which letter was Read and Referred to the committee to whom was Referred the petition on that Subject—

The Bill providing for erecting a Court house in the County of St Genevieve was again taken up, and the Question Recurring "Shall the Bill pass" and the Vote thereon, it was carried in the affirmative, When said Bill Received its title, and Ordered that the Same be Sent for the Concurrence of the Legislative Council—

The Bill Subdividing a part of the County of Howard into three Separate Counties, was taken up When the house again Resolved itself into a committee of the Whole on Said Bill Mr Geyer in the Chair and after Some time Spent therein the committee Rose the Speaker Resumed the Chair, and Mr Geyer Reported that the committee of the whole had agreeably to order had said Bill under Consideration Some time, and had agreed to the Same with Some amendments, which Report was concurred in by the house And ordered that Said Bill be engrossed for its Third Reading on Saturday next

A Message from the Legislative Council by their Clerk
their Speaker — The Legislative Council do Concur in passing
the Bill entitled "An act providing for the dividing of the
Southwestern part of the County of Arkansas into three
Separate Counties, which said Bill is herewith Returned to
the House of Representatives

The Several orders of the day were further
postponed when the House adjourned till
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Friday December 4th 1818

The house met pursuant to Adjournment
A Message from the Legislative Council by their Clerk
their Speaker — The Legislative Council do Concur in
passing a Bill entitled an act establishing the County
of Montgomery — Also a Bill entitled "An act estab-
lishing the County of Lincoln — Also a bill entitled
"An act establishing the County of Pike which said
three bills are herewith Returned —

The house Resolved itself into a Committee of the
Whole agreeably to order on the "bill in addition to an
act entitled "an act to amend 'an act entitled "an act
Regulating the Mode of Judicial proceedings in Certain
cases and extending certain powers to the General Court"
Mr Shannon in the Chair and after Some time Spent therein
the Committee Rose the Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr
Shannon Reported that the Committee of the Whole had
agreed to said bill with Some amendments, which Report
was concurred in by the House. And ordered that said bill
be engrossed for its third Reading on Monday next —

Mr. McDermid from the Select Committee to whom
was referred the petition of Sundry inhabitants in and about
the Village of of Cole Sandesin on the north side of the
Missouri River praying for a new County, Made Report
That the prayer of the petitioners So far as it Relates to
the boundary prayed for on the South Side of the Missouri
River and west of Cedar Creek on the north Side of Said
River, Cannot at this time be obtained without Reducing
other Counties Contrary to the Views and wishes of the
immediate Representatives thereof, and finding that the
population within the Remaining bounds as prayed for
is not Sufficient to Intitle them to a Representation,
it is therefore the opinion of the Committee that the
prayer of the petitioners Cannot at this time be granted

When it was moved that the House concurred in said Report
which the question being Stated, Mr Honig moved

amend said report by
to Striking out these words in the Report, "the immediate Represen-
=tatives of" and to insert "the people" and the vote being had
on said proposed amendment it was determined in the nega-
=tive, and the vote being had on agreeing to said Report, it was carried
in the affirmative

Ayes 22
Nays 2

The yeays and nays being called for on this question those who voted in the affirmative are Messrs Austin, Browne of N. Clark, Ellis, Harris, Hogan, Jones, Leduc, Marks Magness, McDermid, Moore, Musick, Munro Ravenscroft, Richardson, Ross, Smith, Shannon, Talbot, Nash, & Barton Speaker,

Those who voted in the negative are Messrs. Honey and Tompkins—

A Message from the Legislative Council by Mr. Cook, Mr. Speaker, the Legislative Councie do concur in passing the Bill entitled an act erecting part of the Counties of St Genevieve and Cape Girardeau into a Separate County by the name of Madison County" with an amendment to said Bill, which said Bill and amendment together with the said Bill is herewith sent for the concurrence of the house of Representatives

The engrossed Bill to Repeal an act entitled "an act to encourage the killing of Wolves panthers and Wildcats was read the third time passed, received its title, and ordered that the same be sent for the concurrence of the Legislative Council—

A Message from the Legislative Council by Mr. Dawson Mr Speaker— The Legislative Council do concur in passing a Bill entitled "An Act erecting the Southwestern part of the County of Cape-Girardeau and the eastern part of the County of Lawrence into a separate County by the name of Wayne County," which Bill is herewith Returned"

A Message from the Legislative Council by Mr Cook Mr Speaker— The Legislative Council do concur in passing a Bill entitled an act to Repeal an act entitled an act to encourage the killing of Wolves panthers and wild cats, which Bill is herewith Returned

A Message from the Legislative Council by Mr Berry Mr. Speaker The Legislative Council do Concur in passing the Bill entitled "an act for the Relief of William Sullivan which Bill is herewith Returned

The Bill supplementary to the act entitled "an act to incorporate the Stockholders of the bank of Missouri was again taken up, When it was moved by Mr Smith to postpone the further consideration of said Bill till the fourth day of March next, and the question and vote thereon it was carried in the Negative

Ayes 7
Nays 22

The yeas and nays being called for on this question those who voted in the affirmative are Mess^rs ~~Brown of Mr.~~ Clark of Mr. Jones, Music, Richardson, Smith, Talbot, & Tompkins

Those who voted in the negative are Mess^rs Austin Browne of St. English, Ellis, Harris, Hardin, Haney, Hogan, Leduc, Marks, Magness, McDermid, Moore, Munro, Ranney, Rosenscraft, Rodgers, Ross, Shannon, Nash, Walters, & Barton Speaker

Mr Hardin gave notice that on tomorrow he would ask leave to bring in a Bill to establish a Turn pike Road from the three forks of Black River to Lawrence County —

The House again Resolved itself into a Committee of the whole on the Bill Supplementary to the act incorporating the Stockholders of the bank of Missouri" & Mr McDermid in the chair, and after some time Spent therein the Committee Rose the Speaker Resumed the Chair and Mr McDermid reported that the Committee of the whole had agreeably to order had said Bill under consideration some time, made some progress therein and asked leave to sit again — which was granted by the house

The Several orders of the day were further postponed when the house adjourned till tomorrow morning 10 oClock —

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Saturday December 5th 1818

The House met pursuant to adjournment

The amendments made by the Legislative Council to the Bill erecting a part of the Counties of St Genevieve and Cape Girardeau into a Separate County by the name of Madison, were taken up and Concurred in by the house And the Legislative Council were acquainted therewith

Mr Shannon gave notice that on Monday Next he would ask leave to bring in a Bill to authorise a lottery for the benefit of the St Genevieve Academy —

Mr Smith from the Committee on that Subject Reported a Bill for the Relief of insolvent debtors which Bill was read the first time and ordered to its Second reading

The engrossed Bill erecting three Separate Counties out of a part of Howard county was taken up and read the Third time, and on the question Shall the Bill pass and the Vote thereon it was carried in the affirmative, And Ordered that its title be "An act erecting a part of the County of Howard into a Seperate and distinct County by the name of Cooper County" Whereupon ordered that said Bill be Sent for the Concurrence of the Legislative Council —

Mr Moore introduced a Resolution for Adjournment on Saturday the 19th instant, which was laid on the Table —

The Speaker laid before the house a Letter from Estella M. Torrey, and one from her Brother, on the Subject of her Divorce, which being Read were Referred to the Committe on that Subject —

Mr Ranney gave Notice that on Monday next he would ask leave to introduce a Bill for the Relief of Stephen Ross the Sheriff of New Madrid County —

Mr Hardin agreeably to notice introduced a Bill establishing a turnpike Road from the three forks of Black River to the County of Lawrence — which Bill was read the first time and ordered to its second reading —

Mr Henry gave Notice that on Monday next he would ask leave to bring in a Bill for the payment of certain monies to the Commissioners for superintending and directing the building of the Court houses & Jails in the Counties of Jefferson and Franklin out of the treasury of the County of St Louis and for other purposes

The house again Resolved itself into a Committe of the Whole agreeably to order on the Bill Supplimentary to the act incorporating the Stockholders of the bank of Missouri" Mr McDermid in the Chair and after some time Spent therein the Committe Rose the Speaker Resumed the Chair and Mr McDermid Reported that the Committe of the Whole had agreeably to order had said Bill under consideration some time made no further progress therein and asked leave to sit again, And the question being put "Shall the committe have leave to sit again on said Bill" and the vote thereon it was determined in the negative —

Resolved that the Clerk of this house be authorised to purchase a Suitable chest for the safe keeping of the Books & papers of the house of Representatives

On Motion Resolved that the Select Committees on the Subjects of Divorce, and the Judiciary have leave to sit during the Sitting of the house —

On Motion Mr. Smith Ordered that the Judiciary Committe be instructed to consider on the propriety of establishing a new Circuit or circuits in this territory, and report thereon by bill or otherwise

The house resolved itself into a committe of the Whole agreeably to order on the Bill Supplementary to the the act Concerning towns in this Territory. Mr. Browne of Mr. in the Chair and after some time Spent therein the Committe Rose the Speaker Resumed the Chair And Mr Browne

Reported that the Committee of the whole had agreably to order had said Bill under consideration some time and had agreed to strike out the first section of the same with the enacting Clause — Which Report was Concurred in by the house —

The house Resolved itself into a committee of the whole agreeably to order on the Bill Supplementary to the Several laws of this territory defining the powers and duties of Justices of the peace in matters of a civil nature & for other purposes" Mr Magness in the Chair and after Some time Spent therein the Committee Rose the Speaker Resumed the Chair and Mr Magness reported that the Committee of the whole had agreeably to order had said Bill under consideration Some time and made Some progress therein and asked leave to Sit again — Which was granted by the house —

The Speaker laid before the house the enumeration of the inhabitants of the County of Lawrence Which was laid on the table

The Several orders of the day were further postponed,

Whereupon the house adjourned Till ~~Thursday~~ Monday morning 10 o'Clock

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Monday December 7th 1818

The house met pursuant to adjournment

Mr Tiney agreably to notice obtained leave and introduced a Bill providing for the payment of certain monies out of the treasury of the County of St Louis, Which Bill was read the first time & ordered to its Second reading —

Mr Smith gave notice that on tomorrow he would ask leave to bring in a Bill Supplementary to the act establishing the office of Recorders in this territory —

Mr Nash gave notice that on tomorrow he would ask leave to introduce a Bill for the Relief of the Sheriff of the County of St Louis —

The Bill for the Relief of insolvent debtors was read the Second time Whereupon Ordered that Said Bill be Committed to a Committee of the Whole house and made the order of the day tomorrow —

The Bill establishing a Turn Pike Road from the three forks of Black River to Lawrence County was read the Second time Whereupon ordered that the Same be committed to a committee of the whole house and made the order of the day tomorrow —

The house Resolved itself into a committee of the Whole on the bill Supplementary to the several Laws defining the powers and duties of Justices of the peace in Matters of a Civil nature and for other purposes, Mr Magness in the Chair and after Some time Spent therein the Committe Rose the Speaker Resumed the Chair and Mr. Magness Reported that the Committe of the Whole had agreeably to order had said Bill under consideration Some time and agreed to the same with Some amendments which Report was concurred in by the house, and ordered that the Same be engrossed for its third reading on Thursday next

The house Resolved itself into a committee of the Whole on the Bill allowing Compensation to the Members of the General Assembly and the officers thereof, Mr English in the Chair, and after Some time Spent therein the Committe Rose the Speaker Resumed the Chair and Mr. English Reported that the Committe of the Whole had agreably to order had said Bill under consideration Some time and agreed to the Same with Some amendments, When said Report was taken up, and the question being put "will the house agree to the Report of the committe of the Whole" — Mr Geyer Moved to Strike out the Word four in the first Section of said Bill which goes to allow the Members of the General Assembly four dollars per day for their Services and the Vote being ascertained thereon it was determined in the negative

Ayes 9
Nays 20

The ayes & nays being called for on this question those who voted in the affirmative are Messrs Browne of Dr. Geyer Harris, Leduc, Marks, Moore, Musick, Ranney & Richardson

Those who voted in the Negative are Messrs Austin, Clarke Cattle, English, Ellis, Hardin, Hogan Jones Magness, McDermid, Munro, Ravenscraft, Ross Smith Steel Shannon, Talbot, Wash, Watters, & Barton Speaker,

And the question Recurring on agreeing to said Report and the Vote thereon it was carried in the affirmative and ordered that said bill be engrossed for its third reading on tomorrow —

Mr. Geyer presented ~~presented~~ the petition from the Roman Catholic Cathedral praying an act of incorporation which petition being Read, — Ordered that the Same be Referred to a Select committee with leave to Report by Bill or otherwise — Whereupon — Messrs — Geyer Moore and Leduc were appointed that Committee —

Mr Ranney agreeably to notice obtained leave and introduced a a Bill for the Relief of Stephen Ross, Which Bill was read the first time, and ordered to its Second Reading

The amendments made by the Legislative Council to the Bill providing a Method of proceeding against absenting and absconding debtors were taken up and On Motion of Mr Geyer that the house disagree to the first of said amendments, and the Vote thereon it was carried in the affirmative — and the house agreed to the second amendment to said Bill — And the Legislative Council were made acquainted therewith —

Mr Wash presented the petition of William Christy Auditor praying an increase of Salary, Which petition being Read Territorial was Referred to a Select Committee with leave to Report by bill or otherwise —

Whereupon Messrs Wash Hogan & Smith were appointed that Committee —

Mr. Shannon agreeably to notice obtained leave and introduced a Bill authorising a Lottery for the Benefit of the St Genevieve Academy, Which Bill was Read the first time and ordered to its Second reading —

A Message from the Legislative Council by Mr Perry Mr Speaker — Mr. Riddick did on Saturday last obtain Leave and introduce a Bill entitled an act to erect the Town of St Louis in the County of St Louis, into a city and to incorporate the inhabitants thereof —

Mr Ranney gave notice that on tomorrow he would ask leave to introduce a Bill for the Relief of John Hays Sheriff of Cape Girardeau County and for other purposes,

Mr Geyer gave notice that on tomorrow he would ask leave to introduce a Bill in addition to the acts Regulating the fees of the Several officers in this territory

The engrossed Bill entitled an act in addition to an act entitled an act to amend an act entitled an act Regulating the mode of Judicial proceedings in certain cases, and extending certain powers to the general Court was taken up and read the Third time, and on the question Shall the Bill pass and the Vote thereon it was carried in the affirmative When said Bill Received its title; and ordered that the Same be Sent for the Concurrence of the Legislative Council —

Mr Geyer offered an excuse and was discharged, from Serving on the Committee of enrollments And Mr Talbot was Substituted in his place —

Mr Ranney gave notice that on tomorrow he would ask leave to bring in a Bill for the

Relief of James Campbell late Sheriff of Lawrence County
The Several orders of the day were further postponed
When the House adjourned till tomorrow
Morning 10 oClock

Tuesday December 8th 1818

The House met pursuant to Adjournment
Mr Smith, agreeably to notice obtained leave and introduced a Bill Supplementary to the act establishing Recorders offices and for other purposes" Which Bill was Read the first time and ordered to its Second Reading

Mr Ranney agreeably to notice obtained leave and introduced "a Bill for the Relief of John Hays Sheriff of the County of Cape Girardeau And James Campbell late Sheriff of the County of Lawrence" Which Bill was Read the first time and ordered to its Second Reading

Mr Nash presented the petition of Mary Vining praying for a divorce which petition being read, Ordered that the Same be Referred to the Committee to whom was Referred former petitions on that Subject

Mr Nash agreeably to notice obtained leave & introduced a Bill for the Relief of the Sheriff of the County of St Louis" Which Bill was Read the first time, and Ordered to its Second Reading

Mr Browne gave notice that on tomorrow he would ask leave to Bring in a Bill for the Relief of Daniel Dunklin Sheriff of the County of Washington

Mr Nash agreeably to notice obtained leave and introduced a Bill to increase the Salary of the Territorial Auditor, which Bill was read the first time and ordered to its Second Reading

Mr Geyer from the Committee to whom was referred the petitions on that Subject, Reported a Bill to Divorce Estella M Harvey from the bonds of Matrimony, which Bill was read the first time and ordered to its Second Reading

Mr Geyer from the Committee to whom was Referred the petition of Mary Cartmill praying for a divorce, Reported that in the opinion of said Committee the prayer of the petitioner was unreasonable, and ought not to be granted, Which Report was Concurred in by the house —

The Bill for the Relief of Stephen Ross was read the Second time, Whereupon ordered that said Bill be committed to a committee of the whole house and made the order of the day for tomorrow

The bill authorising a Lottery for the benefit of the St Genevieve academy, was read the Second

time, Whereupon Ordered, that said bill be engrossed for its third reading on tomorrow.

The Bill authorising the payment of certain monies out of the County treasury of St Louis, to the Commissioners appointed to superintend the building of the Court houses & Jails in the Counties of Jefferson and Franklin, was Read the second time, Whereupon ordered that said Bill be committed to a committee of the Whole house & made the order of the day tomorrow.

The house Resolved itself into a committee of the Whole agreeably to order on the bill for the Relief of insolvent debtors, Mr. Marks in the Chair and after some time spent therein the committee Rose the Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr. Marks Reported that the committee of the Whole had agreeably to order had said Bill under Consideration Some time and agreed to the same with Some amendments, Which Report was ordered to lie on the table.

The amendments Made by the Legislative Council to the Bill Supplementary to the acts Regulating the proceedings on Writs of Habeas Corpus, Were taken up & agreed to by the house, And ordered that the Legislative Council be made acquainted therewith

The house Resolved itself into a committee of the Whole agreeably to order on the Bill establishing a turnpike road from the three forks of black River to the County of Lawrence, Mr. Moore in the Chair and after Some time Spent therein the committee Rose the Speaker resumed the Chair, And Mr. Moore Reported that the committee of the Whole had agreeably to order had said bill under Consideration Some time Made Some progress therein & asked leave to Sit again, Which was granted by the house

A Message from the acting Governor by Mr Rutland the private Secretary, informing this house that he had approved & Signed the following Bills to wit, "An Act Supplementary to an act Concerning Certain administrators in the County of Howard" — "An act Supplementary to an act entitled an Law of defalcation" — "An Act providing for the erecting a Jail in the County of Cape Girardeau" — "An act erecting a part of the Counties of St Louis & St Genevieve into a Separate County by the Name of Jefferson County"

Whereupon Ordered that the Legislative Council be Made acquainted therewith

Another Member to wit Charles S. Hempstead from the County of St Louis Vice John C. Sullivan Resigned, appeared produced his credentials, as also

the certificate of the honorable Silas Bent of his having taken the oath of office as prescribed by Law, and took his seat

The engrossed Bill allowing compensation to the Members of the present General Assembly and the officers thereof was read the third time and on the Question Shall the Bill pass and the Vote thereon it was carried in the affirmative

Ayes 20
Nays 4

The Ayes & Nays being called for on this question those who Voted in the affirmative are Messrs. Clark, Cottle, Ellis, Hardin, Honey, Marks, Magness, McDermid, Moore, Hempstead Munro, Ranney, Ravenscroft, Rodgers, Ross, Shannon, Talbot Tompkins, Watters, & Barton Speaker,

Those who Voted in the negative are Messrs. Harris, Jones, Musick, & Richardson.

Whereupon said Bill received its title, And ordered that the same be sent for the Concurrence of the Legislative Council

Mr. Ledue gave notice that on tomorrow he would ask leave to bring in a Bill Concerning Cimetery or grave yards in the town of St. Louis.

The Several orders of the day were further past poned Whereupon the house adjourned till tomorrow Morning 10 o'clock

Wednesday December 9th 1818

The house met pursuant to Adjournment

Mr Browne from the Committee of enrollments, Reported that they had examined and found truly enrolled the following Bills to Wit. A Bill entitled "An Act to Repeal an act entitled "an act to encourage the killing of Wolves panthers & Wild cats"

A Bill entitled "An Act Supplementary to an act for the punishment of Certain Crimes"

A Bill entitled "An act erecting a part of St. Louis County into a Separate & distinct County by the Name of Franklin County"

A Bill entitled "An act erecting the Southwestern part of the County of Cape Girardeau and the Eastern part of the County of Lawrence into a Separate and distinct County by the name of Wayne County."

A Bill Entitled "An act providing for the dividing of the Southwestern part of the County of Arkansas into three Separate Counties" — Whereupon said bills were Signed by the Speaker — And ordered that the same be sent for the Signature of the president of the Legislative Council

Mr Leduc agreeably to notice obtained leave and introduced a Bill Concerning Grave Yards in the town of St. Louis, which Bill was Read the first time ~~time~~ and ordered to its second Reading

Mr. Browne agreeably to notice attained leave and introduced a Bill for the Relief of Daniel Dunklin Sheriff of the County of Washington" which bill was Read the first time and ordered to its second ~~R~~eading

A Message from the Legislative Council by Mr. Dawson their Speaker— The Legislative Council do Concur in passing the Bill entitled "An act establishing a part of the County of Howard into a separate County by the name of Cooper County with an amendment to the said Bill, which said Bill and amendment are herewith sent for the Concurrence of the house of Representatives in said amendment

A Message from the Legislative Council by Mr. Dawson their Speaker— The Legislative Council do insist on their first amendment to the Bill entitled "An act providing a Method of proceeding against absent and absconding Debtors which said Bill and amendments are herewith returned and the Legislative Council prays that the house of Representatives may recede from their disagreement to said amendment—

A Message from the Legislative Council by Mr Perry their Speaker— A Bill was yesterday introduced into the Legislative Council, entitled "an act to perfect & make valid an act to incorporate the Stockholders of the Bank of Missouri

The Bill Supplementary to the act establishing Recorders offices & for other purposes" was Read the Second time, whereupon ordered that said Bill be committed to a Committe of the Whole house and made the order of this day

Mr Austin gave notice that on Friday next he would ask leave to introduce a Bill establishing Tobacco & flour inspections in this Territory, Also a Bill Compelling the owners and occupies of Lead Furnaces to fence in the same

Mr. Geyer from the Judiciary Committee in the further discharge of their duties Reported a Bill Supplementary to the several acts establishing Courts of Justice & Regulating Judicial proceedings" Which Bill was Read the first time and ordered to a Second Reading

The Bill for the Relief of John Hays Sheriff of the County of Cape Girardeau, and James Campbell late Sheriff of the County of Lawrence" was Read the Second time, whereupon ordered that said Bill be committed to a committe of the whole house and made the order of this day—

A Message from the Legislative Council by Mr. Cook their Speaker, The Legislative Council do concur in passing the bill entitled an act for the Limitation of Actions

to be brought for the inheritance or possession of Real property, which bill is herewith Returned —

The Bill for the Relief of the Sheriff of the County of St Louis was Read the second time Whereupon Ordered that said Bill be engrossed for its third Reading on tomorrow —

The Bill to increase the Salary of the Territorial Auditor was Read the Second time, Whereupon Ordered that said Bill be committed to a committee of the Whole house and made the order of the day Tomorrow —

The Bill to Divorce Estella M. Harvey & John Harvey from the bonds of Matremony was Read the Second Time, Whereupon Ordered that said Bill be engrossed for its third Reading on tomorrow

The engrossed Bill authorising a Lottery for the Benefit of the St Genevieve academy was Read the third time, and on the question Shall the Bill pass and the Vote Thereon it was carried in the affirmative, When said Bill received its title, and ordered that the same be sent for the Concurrence of the Legislative Council —

On Motion of Mr Austin, Ordered that a committee of two be appointed on the part of this house to act jointly with such committee as may be appointed on the part of the Legislative Council, as a Committee of Conference on the Subject of the first amendment made by the Legislative Council to the Bill providing a Method of proceeding against absent & absconding debtors" which has been disagreed to by this house — Whereupon Mr Tompkins & Mr Austin were appointed that Committee, and the Legislative Council have made a Committee therewith

A Message from the Legislative Council by Mr Cook Mr Speaker — The Legislative Council have this day passed a Bill entitled "an act to perfect and make Valid an act to incorporate the Stockholders of the Bank of Missouri, which said Bill is herewith Sent for the concurrence of the house of Representatives.

The Report of the committee of the Whole on the Bill for the Relief of insolvent debtors was taken up and on the question Will the house agree to said Report and the Vote thereon it was determined in the negative Whereon on Motion of Mr Geyer Ordered that the further Consideration of said Bill be postponed indefinitely.

The house Resolved itself into a committee of the whole agreeably to order on the Bill for the Relief of Stephen Rector Mr Hempstead in the Chair and after Some time

Spent therein the Committe Rose the Speaker Resumed the Chair and Mr Hempstead Reported that the Committe of the Whole had agreeably to order had said Bill under Consideration Some time and agreed to the same without amendments — Which Report was concurred in by the house And Ordered that said Bill be engrossed for its third Reading on tomorrow

The house Resolved itself into a Committe of the Whole agreably to order on the Bill Supplementary to the act establishing the offices of Recorders, Mr Nash in the Chair, and after Some time Spent therein the Committe Rose the Speaker Resumed the Chair and Mr Nash Reported that the Committe of the Whole had agreeably to order had said Bill under Consideration Some time and agreed to the same with Some amendments — Which Report was laid on the table

The Several orders of the day were further postponed When the house adjourned till Tomorrow Morning 10 o'Clock

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Thursday December 10th 1818

The house met pursuant to adjournment Mr Nash presented the petition of Levi E Martin praying Remuneration for having Supported a pauper — Whereupon Ordered that Said petition be referred to a Select committe with Leave to report by Bill or otherwise, And Mr Nash Mr Musick & Mr Harris were appointed that committe

A Message from the Legislative Council by Mr Cook Mr Speaker — The Legislative Council do concur in passing the Bill entitled "an act authorising a Lottery for the Benefit of the St Genevieve Academy, which Bill is herewith Returned,

Mr Hempstead offered a Resolution on the Subject of Settlers on the Bounty Lands Between the St Francois and Arkansas Rivers — Which Resolution was

Concurred in by the house, and ordered that the same be sent for the concurrence of the Legislative Council'

Mr Lazer from the Judiciary Committee in the further discharge of their duties Reported a Bill fixing the times & places of holding Superior and circuit courts and for other purposes — Which Bill was read the first time & ordered to its second reading

Mr Honey gave notice that on tomorrow he would ask leave to bring in a Bill for the apportionment and number of Members to serve in the house of representatives of the General assembly of this Territory"

Mr Ranney from the Committee on that Subject Reported, a Statement of the causes of the present embarrassments of the St Louis Bank, Which Report was ordered to lie on the table

The Bill Respecting grave yards in the town of St Louis was read the second time, Whereupon ordered that said Bill be committed to a committee of the whole and made the order of the day tomorrow

The Bill for the Relief of Daniel Dunklin Sheriff of the County of Washington was read the second time Whereupon ordered that Said Bill be committed to a Committee of the Whole and made the order of the day for Saturday next

The Bill Supplementary to the several acts establishing Courts of Justice & Regulating Judicial proceedings was read the second time, Whereupon Ordered that said Bill be committed to a committee of the whole house and made the order of the day tomorrow

On motion of Mr Browne Ordered that the Committee of Enrollments have leave to act during the Sitting of the house —

The Engrossed Bill Supplementary to the several laws of this Territory defining the powers and duties of Justices of the Peace in matters of a civil nature & for other purposes was Read the third time, and on the Question Shall the bill Pass" and the Vote thereon it was carried in the affirmative When said Bill Received its title and ordered that the same be sent for the Concurrence of the Legislative Council —

The Engrossed Bill for the Relief of Stephen Ross late Sheriff of the County of New Madrid" was Read the third time, and on the question Shall the bill Pass" and the Vote thereon it was carried in the affirmative When said Bill Received its title and ordered, that the same be sent for the Concurrence of the Legislative Council —

The Engrossed Bill for the Relief of the Sheriff of the County of St Louis was Read the third time, and on the question Shall the Bill pass and the Vote thereon it was carried in the affirmative, Whereupon Said Bill Received its title and, ordered that the Same be Sent for the concurrence of the Legislative Councile

The engross Bill to Divorce Estella M. Harvey & John Harvey from the bonds of Matrimony, was Read the third time, and on the question "Shall the Bill pass" and the Vote thereon it was carried in the affirmative Whereupon Said Bill Received its title, and ordered that the Same be Sent for the concurrence of the Legislative Council —

The house Resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole agreeably to order on the Bill erecting a turnpike Road from the three forks of Black River to the County of Lawrence, Mr Moore in the Chair and after Some time Spent therein the committee rose the Speaker Resumed the Chair, and Mr Moore Reported that the Committee of the Whole had agreeably to order had Said Bill under Consideration Some time and agreed to the Same with Some amendments — which Report was amended, and Concurred in by the house

Whereupon ordered that Said Bill be engrossed for its third Reading on Saturday next

Mr Wash presented the petition of Elizabeth Priddy praying a divorce, Which petition being Read ordered that Said petitioner have leave to withdraw her petition

The house Resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on the Bill authorising the payment of Certain Monies out of the County Treasury of St Louis to the commissioners appointed to superintend the building of the Court houses & Gails in the Counties of Jefferson & Franklin, Mr Smith in the Chair and after Some time Spent therein the Committee rose the Speaker Resumed the Chair and Mr Smith Reported that the Committee of the Whole had agreeably to order had Said Bill under consideration Some time and agreed to the Same with Some amendments, which Report was concurred in by the house, and ordered that Said Bill be engrossed for its third Reading on Saturday next

A Message from the Legislative council by Mr Dawson Mr Speaker — The Legislative Council do concur in passing a Bill entitled An Act for the Relief of Stephen Rob late Sheriff of New Madrid County, with an amendment to Said Bill, which Said Bill and amendment are herewith Returned for the concurrence of

the house of Representatives — Which amendments were taken up and concurred in by the house, And ordered that the Legislative Council be made acquainted therewith

A Message from the Legislative council by Mr Cook Mr Speaker — The Legislative Council have appointed Mr. Cook a committee of Conference on their part jointly to act with the Committee appointed by the house of Representatives on the disagreement to the first amendment to the bill providing a Method of proceeding against absent & absconding debtors — Also a Bill has been introduced into the Legislative Council, intitled an act, amendatory to the act to licence & regulate Taverns — Also the Legislative Council have this day passed a Resolution fixing upon a day after which no new Bill shall be introduced, which said Resolution is herewith sent for the concurrence of the house of Representatives — When said Resolution was taken up and concurred in by the house, and ordered that the Legislative Council be made acquainted therewith

A Message from the Legislative Council by Mr Riddick Mr Speaker — The Legislative Council have this day passed a Bill entitled "an act to incorporate the town of St. Louis into a City and to incorporate the inhabitants thereof;" Which Bill is herewith sent for the concurrence of the house of Representatives

The house Resolved itself into a committee of the whole agreeably to order on the Bill for the Relief of John Hays Sheriff of the County of Cape Girardeau and James Campbell late Sheriff of the County of Lawrence" Mr. Leduc in the Chair and after some time Spent therein the Committee rose the Speaker Resumed the Chair, and Mr Leduc Reported that the Committee of the whole had agreeably to order had said Bill under Consider some time and agreed to the same without amendments, Which Report was Concurred in by the house Whereupon ordered that said Bill be engrossed for its Third Reading on tomorrow

The amendments of the Legislative Council to the Bill erecting a part of the County of Howard into a Seperate County by the name of Cooper County were taken up and concurred in by the house, And ordered that the Legislative Council be made acquainted therewith —

The several orders of the day were severally passed over

When the house adjourned till tomorrow morning 10 o'clock

Friday December 11th 1818

The house met pursuant to Adjournment

Mr Geyer agreeably to notice obtained leave and introduced a Bill Supplementary to the several acts establishing the fees of the several officers therein named, and Regulating the payment of Costs on indictments, Which Bill was read the first time, and ordered to its second reading

Mr. Geyer gave notice that on tomorrow he would ask leave to bring in a Bill to provide for erecting a Court house in the County of St Louis.

Mr Cheny agreeably to notice obtained leave & introduced "a Bill declaring what shall be the future apportionment & Number of Members in the house of Representatives of the General Assembly of the territory of Missouri, Which Bill was read the first time and ordered to its Second reading

The Report of the Select Committee on the Subject of the Bank of Missouri, was taken up and concurred in by the house"

Mr. Geyer from the Committee to whom was referred the petition on that Subject Reported a bill to incorporate the Roman Catholic Cathedral Which bill was read the first time, When Mr Tompkins moved to Reject said Bill, and the question & vote thereon it was it was carried in the affirmative

A Message from the Legislative Council by Mr Cassidy Mr Speaker The Legislative Council do not concur in passing the Resolution respecting Settlers on Military Bounty Lands Between St Louis & Arkansas, Which Resolution is herewith Returned,

Mr Ellis gave Notice that on tomorrow he would ask leave to introduce a Bill to be entitled an act to authorise the Commissioners of the Court house & Jail of the County of Cape Girardeau to Convey a certain quantity of Land in the town of Jackson to Commissioners for the purpose of Erecting a house or houses of public Worship thereon"

The Bill from the Legislative Council entitled an act to Legalize & make valid an act to incorporate the Stockholders of the Bank of Missouri" was read the first time and ordered to its second Reading.

The Bill from the Legislative Council to incorporate the town of St Louis in the County of St Louis, into a city, was read the first time, and the Rule of the house on that Subject was Dispensed with, and said Bill was read the Second time Whereupon ordered that said bill be committed to a committee of the Whole house & made the order of the Day for tomorrow next

Mr Speer gave notice that on tomorrow he would ask leave to introduce a Bill to impose a tax on auctioneers and Sales at auction — Also a Bill to provide for the publication of certain acts passed by this General Assembly

Mr Browne from the Committee of Enrollments Reports that they had examined and found truly enrolled a Bill entitled an act for establishing the County of Montgomery & a Bill entitled "an act for establishing the County of Pike" and a Bill entitled an act for the Relief of William Sullivan Which Bills were Signed by the Speaker, & he ordered that the Same be sent for the Signature of the President of the Legislative Council

The Bill fixing the Times and places of holding Superior & Circuit Courts and for other purposes, was read the Second time Whereupon Ordered that said Bill be committed to a committee of the Whole house and made the order of the day for Monday next

The engrossed Bill for the Relief of John Hays Sheriff of the County of Cape Girardeau & James Campbell late Sheriff of the County of Lawrence was read the third time and on the Question Shall the Bill pass" and the Vote thereon it was carried in the affirmative — When said Bill Received its title and Ordered that the Same be sent for the Concurrence of the Legislative Council —

The house Resolved itself into a committee of the Whole agreeably to order on the Bill to increase the Salaries of the Territorial Auditor, Mr McDermid in the Chair and after Some Time Spent therein the committee rose the Speaker Resumed the Chair, and Mr McDermid Reported that the Committee of the Whole had agreeably to order had said Bill under consideration Some time, and agreed to the Same with Some amendments, Which Report was Concurred in by the house — & Ord ordered that the Same be engrossed for its Third Reading on Tomorrow

Mr Hempstead gave notice that on Tomorrow he would ask leave to bring in a Bill to authorize the taking of the enumeration in the County of Arkansas

The Several orders of the day were further postponed

When the house adjourned till

Tomorrow Morning

10 Oclock

Saturday December 12th 1818

The house met pursuant to Adjournment

Mr Browne from the Committee of enrollments Reported that they had examined & found truly enrolled a Bill entitled "An act establishing the County of Lincoln" Also a Bill entitled "An act erecting a part of the Counties of St Genevieve & Cape Girardeau into a Separate County by the Name of Madison County" When the Speaker Signed said Bills and ordered that the same be sent for the ~~Signature~~ of the president of the Legislative Council

The Bill to Legalize & make Valid the Charter of the Bank of Missouri was read the Second time, Whereupon Ordered that said Bill be committed to a committee of the Whole house and made the order of the day for Monday next,

The Bill Supplementary to the acts establishing the fees of the several officers and persons therein named and Regulating the Costs on indictments, was read the Second time, Whereupon Ordered that said bill be committed to a committee of the Whole house & made the order of the day for Monday next

The Bill declaring what Shall be the future apportionment of Representation &c. was read the Second time, Whereupon ordered that said Bill be committed to a committee of the Whole and made the order of the day for Monday next

The Bill providing for the payment of certain monies out of the County treasury of St Louis to the Commissioners for superintending the building of the Court houses & Jails in the Counties of Jefferson & Franklin, was read the third time in order for its final passage, "Whereon On the question Shall the Bill pass" and the vote thereon it was determined in the negative —

A Message from the acting Governor by Mr. Rutland Private Secretary, informing the house of Representatives that he had approved and Signed the following enrolled Bills to wit

An act Supplementary to an act to authorize a Lottery for the purchase of fire engines & other apparatus for the extinguishment of fire for the use of the town of St Louis — An act to repeal an act intitled an act to encourage the killing of Wolves panthers & Wildcats An act Supplementary to an act for the punishment of certain Crimes — An Act erecting a part of St Louis County into a Separate & distinct County by the Name of Franklin County — And An Act to be entitled an act erecting the North west part of the County of Cape Girardeau & the Eastern part of the County of Lawrence into a Separate & distinct County — Whereupon ordered that the Legislative Council be informed accordingly

The engrossed Bill to increase the Salary of the Territorial Auditor was read the third time in order for its final passage, Whereupon Motion of Mr Geyer, Ordered that the further Consideration of said Bill be indefinitely postponed —

Mr Geyer agreeably to notice obtained leave and introduced a Bill to authorize the building of a Court house in the County of St Louis, Which Bill was read the first time and ordered to its Second Reading

Mr Geyer also agreeably to notice introduced a Bill to impose a Tax on Auctioneers & auctions, Which Bill was read the first time and ordered to its Second Readings

Mr Ellis agreeably to notice introduced a Bill Authorising the Commissioners of the Court house and Jail of the County of Cape Girardeau to convey certain lots of ground for the purpose of erecting houses of public Worship thereon — Which Bill was read the first time and ordered to its Second reading

Mr Geyer from the Committee to whom was referred the petition of Mary Vining praying for a divorce, Reported that in the the opinion of said Committee the prayer of the petitioner was unreasonable & ought not to be granted Which Report was concurred in by the house

Mr Austin agreeably to notice Reported a Bill establishing — Tobacco inspections in this Territory — Which Bill was Read the first time and ordered to its Second Reading —

The engrossed Bill establishing a toll Road from the three forks of Black River to Lawrence Court house was Read the third time and on the Question Shall the Bill Pass — and the Vote thereon it was carried in the affirmative —

Whereupon said Bill Received its title and Ordered that the same be sent for the Concurrence of the Legislative Council

The Rule of the house on that subject was dispensed with, When Mr Haney obtained leave and introduced a Bill authorising the payment of certain taxes assessed in Perry County Treasurer of St Louis to the commissioners for the Superintending of the building of the Court houses & Jails in the Counties of Jefferson & Franklin Which Bill was Read the first time, When Mr Harris Moved that said Bill be Rejected and the Vote thereon it was carried in the affirmative —

The Report of the Committee of the Whole on the Bill Supplementary to the act establishing Recorders offices was taken up When Mr Perry moved to strike out the first Section of said Report

Which Section goes to Say that in all Cases Where a feme Covert, Whither by descents or purchase, in her own Right Shall, may be entitled to Lands or Tenements, it Shall and may be Lawful for her to Join with her husband in Conveying the Same by deed, and the Same to make Valid to the purchaser, When acknowledged as is now provided for by Law with Respect to the Wifes Relinquishment of Dower— And the Question and Vote thereon it was decided in the Negative

Ayes 11
Nays 13

The ayes & Nays being Called for on this Question Those who Voted in the affirmative are Messrs Browne of Wash. Co. Clark, English, Ellis, Haney, M'Dermid, Moore, Rasey, Ravenscroft, Shannon and Walker,

Those who voted in the Negative are Messrs Geyer, Harris, Hardin Hogan Leduc, Marks Ross, Thompson Smith, Talbot Tompkins, Wash & Barton Speaker,

Whereupon said Report was amended and Concurred in by the house Whereupon Ordered that said Bill be Engrossed for its Third Reading on Monday next

The Several Orders of the day being further postponed,

When the House Adjourned till tomorrow Morning 10. o'Clock

Monday December 14th 1818

The house met pursuant to adjournment

Mr Tompkins from the Committee of Conference on the Subject of the first amendment made by the Legislative Council to the Bill providing a Method of proceeding against absent and absconding debtors, Reported that they had agreed to Recommend that the Legislative Council Recede from said amendment Whereupon said Report was concurred in by the house, and the Legislative Council made acquainted therewith.

The Bill providing for the building of a court house in the County of St Louis was read the Second time Whereupon Ordered that said Bill be committed to a Committee of the Whole house and made the order of the day for tomorrow—

The Bill to authorize a tax to be levied on auctioneers and auctions was read the Second time, Whereupon ordered that said Bill be committed to a committee of the whole House & made the order of the day for tomorrow—

The Bill authorising the Commissioners of the County Court house and Jail of the County of Cape Girardeau to convey certain lots of ground for the purpose of erecting a house or houses for public Worship" was read the second time, Whereupon ordered that said Bill be engrossed for its third reading on tomorrow

The Bill supplementary to the act establishing Recorders offices and for other purposes was read the third time, When it was moved to Strike out the first section of said Bill reserving the enacting Clause, and the vote thereon it was determined in the negative

Ayes 12
Nays 19

The ayes & noes being called for on this question those who voted in the affirmative are Messrs Browne of Washington Clark, Cottle Ellis, Feaney, McDermid Moore, Ramey, Ravenscroft, Revel, Shannon, and Walters,

Those who voted in the negative are Messrs. English, Geyer, Harris, Harding, Hogan, Jones, Leduc, Marks, Magness, Munro, Richardson, Rodgers, Ross, Smith, Talbot, Tompkins, Nash, Hempstead, and Barton Speaker,

And on the Question Shall the Bill pass and the Vote thereon it was carried in the affirmative, Whereupon said Bill Received its title, and ordered that the Same be sent for the Concurrence of the Legislative Council.

The Speaker laid before the house Some documents respecting the election of Charles S Hempstead, a member of this house from the County of St Louis, which documents were accompanied with a petition from Nemrod H. Moore relative to said Election which petition being read, was laid on the table together with said documents—

Mr Geyer from the Committee to whom was referred the Communication of Judge Alexander Stewart reported a Bill to Regulate the actions of Replevin and detinue which Bill was read the first time and ordered to its second Reading

A Message from the Legislative Council by Mr Coate—

Mr Speaker— The Legislative Council do concur in passing the Bill entitled an act providing for the erecting of a Court house in the County of Ste Genevieve, with an amendment to the Same — which Bill and amendment are herewith Sent for the Concurrence of the house of Representatives. Also, the Legislative Council do concur in the Report of the Committee of Conference on the first amendment made to the Bill providing a Method of proceeding against absent and absconding debtors — Also the Legislative Council do Concur in passing the Bill entitled an act

in addition to an act intitled an act to amend an act entitled an act regulating the mode of judicial proceedings in certain cases and extending certain powers to the General Court with an amendment to the said Bill, which said amendment and Bill are herewith returned for the concurrence of the house of Representatives in said amendment

Also the Legislative Council have this day passed a Bill entitled an act supplementary to the acts to regulate Elections which said Bill is herewith sent for the concurrence of the house of Representatives

The house took up the amendments made by the Legislative Council to the Bill authorising the building of a Court house in the County of St Genevieve and Concurred in the Same, Whereupon ordered that the Legislative Council be made acquainted therewith

The amendments of the Legislative Council to the Bill in addition to an act &c regulating Judicial proceedings in certain cases and extending certain powers to the General Court, was taken up and concurred in by the house. Whereupon ordered that the Legislative Council be made acquainted therewith—

The house Resolved itself into a committe of the whole agreeably to order, on the Bill Concerning grave yards in the town of St Louis, Mr Ramsey in the Chair, and after some time Spent therein the Committe rose the Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr. Ramsey Reported that the committe of the whole had agreeably to order had said bill under consideration some time and agreed to strike out the first section of the same together with the enacting clause which Report was concurred in by the house,

The house Resolved itself into a committe of the whole on the Bill for the Relief of Daniel Dunklin Sheriff of the County of Washington Mr Ellis in the Chair, and after some time Spent therein the Committe rose the Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr. Ellis Reported that the committe of the whole had agreed to said Bill with some amendments which Report was taken up and agreed to by the house— Whereupon ordered that said bill be engrossed for its third reading on tomorrow

The house Resolved itself into a Committe of the whole on the Bill Supplementary to the Several acts establishing Courts of Justice and Regulating Judicial proceedings, Mr Heney in the Chair, and after some Time Spent therein the Committe rose the Speaker

resumed the Chair, and Mr. Heaney reported that the Committe of the Whole had agreed to said Bill without amendments which Report was concurred in by the house, and ordered that said Bill be engrossed for its third Reading on tomorrow

The House Resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on the Bill to perfect & make valid the act to incorporate the Stockholders of the Bank of Illinois Mr Talbot in the Chair, and after some time Spent therein the Committe Rose the Speaker Resumed the Chair and Mr Talbot Reported that the Committe of the Whole had agreeably to order had said bill under Consideration some time and agreed to the same without amendments, which Report was concurred in by the house" Thereupon on Motion of Mr Ellis, Ordered that the further Consideration of said bill be indefinitely post-poned— Whereupon ordered that the Legislative Council be Made acquainted therewith

A Message from the ~~Legislative Council~~ Mr Rutland informing this house that he had approved & Signed the following enrolled bills to wit

"An act for establishing the County of Lincoln"

"An act erecting part of the Counties of St. Genevieve and Cape Girardeau into a Separate County by the Name of Madison County"

"An act for establishing the County of Montgomery" — "An act for establishing the County of Pike "An act for the Relief of William Sullivan

The house Resolved itself into a Committe of the Whole agreeably to order, on the Bill Supplementary to the acts establishing the fees of the Several officers & persons therein named & regulating the payment of costs on indictments" Mr Leduc in the Chair, and after some time Spent therein the Committe rose the Speaker Resumed the Chair and Mr Leduc Reported that the Committe of the Whole had agreeably to order had said Bill under Consideration some time and agreed to the same with some amendments, which Report was concurred in by the house, Whereupon Ordered that said bill be engrossed for its third Reading on tomorrow

The house Resolved itself into a Committe of the Whole on the Bill declaring what shall be the future apportionment & number of representatives to serve in the General Assembly of the Territory of Illinois" Mr Phillips in the Chair, and after some time Spent therein the Committe Rose the Speaker Resumed the Chair and, Mr Bruner Reported that the committe of the Whole had agreeably to order had said Bill under

under consideration some time, made some progress therein, and asked leave to sit again, Which was granted by the house"

A Message from the Legislative Councile by Mr Coats Mr Speaker— The Legislative Councile do concur in passing the Bill entitled "an act to divorce Estella M. Harvey and John Harvey" with an amendment to said Bill which said Bill and amendment is herewith sent for the concurrence of the house of Representatives in said amendment—

The Several orders of the day. were further postponed.

When the house adjourned till tomorrow morning 10 o'clock—

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Tuesday December 15th 1818

The house met pursuant to adjournment

The Bill to Regulate the actions of Replevin & detinue was read the Second time and ordered that the same be committed to a committee of the Whole house & made the order of the day for tomorrow—

The Bill Supplementary to the Several acts Regulating elections was Read the Second time Whereupon ordered that said Bill be committed to a committee of the whole house and made the order of the day tomorrow

The house Resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the Bill declaring what Shall be the future apportionment of Representation &c. Mr. Hogan in the Chair & after Some time Spent therein the committee rose the Speaker Resumed the Chair and Mr. Hogan reported that the committee of the whole had agreed to said Bill with Same amendments, Which report was concured in by the house— Whereupon ordered that said Bill be engrossed for its third Reading on tomorrow

A Message from the Legislative Councile by Mr Perry Mr Speaker— The Legislative Councile do concur in passing the bill entitled an act allowing compensation to the members of the present General assembly and the officers thereof, with amendments to the Same which said Bill and amendments are herewith returned for the concurrence of the house of Representatives in said amendments—

The engrossed Bill Supplementary to the several acts establishing Courts

of Justice & Regulating Judicial Proceedings was read the Third time in order for its final passage Whereon motion of Mr Posey, Ordered that Said Bill be Recommitted to a Committee of the Whole House & made the order of this day

The Bill for the relief of Daniel Dunklin Sheriff of the County of Washington was read the third time and on the Question Shall the Bill Pass" and the Vote thereon it was Carried in the affirmative Whereon Said Bill Received its title and ordered that the Same be sent for the Concurrence of the Legislative Council

The Engrossed Bill Supplementary to the several acts ascertaining the fees of the several officers & persons therein named, & regulating the payment of Costs on indictments" was read the third time, and on the Question "Shall the Bill pass" and the Vote thereon it was Carried in the affirmative, And Ordered that the Same be sent for the concurrence of the Legislative Council,

The engrossed Bill authorising the Commissioners of the Court house & Gaol for the County of Cape Girardeau to convey a lot of ground in the town of Jackson for erecting a house of public worship" was read the third time and on the Question Shall the Bill Pass & the Vote thereon it was determined in the Negative

Ayes 10
Nays 16

The ayes & noes being called for on this question Those who voted in the affirmative are Messrs Austin, Ellis Hogan, Magness, Moore, Munro, Ramey, Ross, Smith & Shannon

Those who voted in the negative are Messrs Browne of M. Geyer Harris Hardin, Hempstead, Posey, Jones, Leduc, Martin, McDonald, Murdoch, Rodgers, Talbot Tompkins, Watters, & Barton Speaker—

A Message from the Acting Governor, informing this House that he had approved and signed, "An act providing for dividing the Southwestern part of the County of Jackson into three Separate Counties"— And that he had not approved, "An Act authorising Josiah Millard to establish a ferry on the Mississippi River to be propelled by Steam or horses" — And "an act supplementary to an act entitled an act to incorporate the Trustees of the St Genevieve Academy —

Whereupon

Ordered that the Legislative Council be made acquainted therewith

A Message from the Legislative Council by Col Perry Clerk Speaker— The Legislative Council do concur in passing a Bill entitled an act Supplementary to an

act establishing Recorders offices & for other purposes with Some amendments to the Same, Which Said Bill and amendments are herewith Sent for the concurrence of the house of Representatives

Mr Harvey presented a petition from Pierre Didier Territorial Treasurer which being Read, was laid on the table

The house Resolved itself into a committee of the Whole, on the Bill fixing the times and places of holding the Superior & Circuit Courts, and for other purposes Mr Harris in the Chair, and after Some time Spent therein, the Committee Rose the Speaker Resumed the Chair and, Mr Harris Reported that the Committee of the Whole had agrad to Said Bill with Some amendments — which Report was laid on the table —

A Message from the Legislative Council by Mr. Perry Mr. Speaker The Legislative Council do Concur in passing a Bill entitled "an act for the relief of John Mayo Sheriff of Cape Girardeau County and James Campbell late Sheriff of Lawrence County — Also a Bill entitled an act for the relief of Daniel Dunklin Sheriff of Washington County" which Bills are herewith Returned —

The house took up the amendments of the Legislative Council to the Bill to divorce Estelle M. Harvey & John Harvey — And Concurred in the Same Whereupon, Ordered that the Legislative Council be made acquainted Therewith —

The house took up the amendments of the Legislative Council to the bill Supplementary to the act establishing Recorders offices and for other purposes, and concurred in the first of Said amendments, and disagreed to the remainder of Said amendments, Whereupon Ordered that the Legislative Council be made acquainted therewith

The Several orders of the day were further postponed

When the house Adjourned till tomorrow morning 10 Oclock

Wednesday December 16th 1818

The house met pursuant to Adjournment

On Motion of Mr Honey, Ordered that the house leave to furnish the Commissioners of Jefferson County, with the engrossed Copy of the Bill establishing that County a-

The house Resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on the Bill to incorporate the Town of St Louis in the County of St Louis into a City, and to incorporate the Inhabitants thereof" Mr Ellis in the Chair and after some time Spent therein the Committee Rose the Speaker resumed the Chair, And Mr Ellis reported that the Committee of the Whole had agreeably to order had said Bill under Consideration some time and made no progress therein. When on Motion of Mr. Marks, Ordered that the further Consideration of said Bill be postponed indefinitely.

And ordered that the Legislative Council be made acquainted therewith

The Engrossed Bill declaring what shall be the future apportionment of Representation in the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the Territory of Missouri Was read the third time and on the Question shall the Bill pass" and the vote thereon it was carried in the affirmative, When said Bill received its title and ordered that the Same be sent for the Concurrence of the Legislative Council-

The house Resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on the Bill providing for the erecting of a court house in the County of St Louis, Mr Cottle in the Chair and after Some time Spent therein the Committee rose the Speaker Resumed the Chair, and Mr Cottle Reported that the Committee of the Whole had agreed to said Bill with Some amendments Which Report was laid on the table-

The house took up the Report of the Committee of the Whole on the Bill fixing the times & places of holding Superior & circuit Courts, & for other purposes, when the Same was amended & concurred in by the house, Whereupon Ordered that said Bill be engrossed for its Third Reading on Tomorrow-

The house Resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole on the Bill Supplementary to the several acts establishing Courts of Justice & Regulating Judicial Proceedings Mr Tompkins in the Chair and after Some time Spent therein the committee Rose the Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr Tompkins Reported, that the Committee of the Whole had agreeably to order had said Bill under consideration, and agreed to the Same with Some amendments, which Report was concurred in & ordered that the Same be engrossed for Tomorrow

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A Message from the Legislative Council by Mr Perry
Mr Speaker— The Legislative Council do concur in passing
the Bill entitled an act supplementary to the several laws
of this Territory defining the powers & duties of Justices
of the peace in Matters of a civil Nature &c for other
purposes— With an amendment also ~~to~~ amendments
to the same which said Bill and amendments are herewith
returned for the concurrence of the house of Representatives

When the house took up said amendments
and concurred in the first and second of the same, and
disagreed to the 3rd 4th & 5th— Whereupon Ordered
that the Legislative Council be made acquainted therewith

A Message from the Legislative Council by Mr Coate
Mr Speaker the Legislative Council do concur in passing
the Bill entitled an act declaring what shall be the
future apportionment & number of members in the
house of Representatives of the General assembly of the
Territory of Missouri, which Bill is herewith Returned

The Bill establishing Tobacco inspections
in this Territory, was read the second time Whereupon
ordered that the same be committed to a committee
of the Whole house & made the order of the day for
tomorrow—

A Message From the Legislative Council by Mr Perry
their Speaker— The Legislative Council do insist on their
amendments to the Bill entitled an act Supplementary
to an act establishing Recorders offices & for other pur-
poses, which said Bill and amendments are herewith
Returned and the Legislative Council pray that the
house of Representatives may recede from their disa-
greement to the said amendments— They also
Concur in passing the Bill entitled an act Supplemen-
tary to the several acts ascertaining the fees of the several
officers & persons therein named & regulating the payment
of Costs on Indictments with some amendments, which
Bill & amendments are herewith sent for the Concur-
rence of the house of Representatives

The house Resolved itself into a committee of the
Whole agreeably to order on the bill, Taxing auctioneers and
auctions, & for other purposes, Mr Browne of N. in the Chair
and after some time spent therein the Committee rose the
Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr Browne reported
that the committee of the Whole had agreed to said
Bill with some amendments, which Report was
amended & concurred in by the house, Whereupon
ordered that said bill be engrossed for its third
reading on tomorrow

The house took up the amendments from the L. Council to the Bill supplementary to the several laws ascertaining the fees of the several officers & persons therein named and regulating the payment of Costs on indictments, and Disagreed to the first of said amendments — Whereupon

The house adjourned till tomorrow morning 10 o'clock

Thursday December 17th 1818

The house met pursuant to adjournment

On Motion Ordered that the Committee of enrollments on the part of this house be authorised to insert the Word "Beginning" in the enrolled Bill establishing the County of Cooper" And ordered that the Legislative Council be Requested to do the like —

The house took up the Remainder of the amendments of the Legislative Council to the Bill entitled "an act supplementary to the several acts establishing the fees of the several officers & persons therein named, and regulating the payment of costs on indictments, and disagreed to the same, Whereupon ordered that the Legislative Council be made acquainted therewith —

The Engrossed Bill fixing the Terms & places of holding Superior & circuit Courts, & for other purposes, was read the third time, and on the question shall the Bill pass and the vote thereon it was carried in the affirmative — Whereupon said Bill received its title, And ordered that the same be sent for the concurrence of the Legislative Council —

The Engrossed Bill to License auctioneers and imposing a tax on sales at auction was read the third time and on the question shall the bill pass and the vote thereon it was carried in the affermative, Whereupon said Bill received its title and ordered that the same be sent for the concurrence of the Legislative Council

A Message from the Legislative Council by Mr Cabbidy Mr Speaker — The Legislative Council have this day passed a Bill entitled an act providing for the appointment of a ~~circuit~~ prosecuting attorney for the Counties of Arkansas, Pulaski Clark, and Hempstead, which said Bill is herewith sent for the concurrence of the house of Representatives

A Message from the Legislative Council by Mr Riddick Mr Speaker — The Legislative Council do concur in passing a Bill entitled an act for the Relief of the Sheriff of the County of St Louis, with some amendments to the said Bill, which said bill and amendments are herewith

sent for the Concurrence of the house of Represen tatives

The Legislative Council, have instructed on their part the Committe of enrollments to insert the word beginning in the Bill establishing the County of Cooper,

On Motion of Mr Ellis ordered that a committe of two be appointed on the part of this house to act jointly with such Committee as may be appointed on the part of the Legislative Council to settle with the Territorial Auditor & treasurer, with leave to act during the Sitting of their houses—

Whereupon Mr. Ellis & Mr. Moore were appointed that Committee — And ordered that the L. Council be made acquainted therewith —

Mr Browne from the committee of enrollments Reported that they had examined & found truly enrolled the Bill entitled "an act to establish the County of Cooper" when the Speaker Signed said Bill & Ordered that the same be sent for the Signature of the President of the Legislative Council

The engrossed Amendments to the Bill supplementary to the several acts establishing Courts of Justice & Regulating Judicial proceedings, were read the third time & Concurred in — and the Question Recurring Shall the Bill pass and the Vote thereon it was carried in the affirmative when said Bill Received its title and ordered that the same be sent for the Concurrence of the Legislative Council

The House Resolved itself into a committee of the Whole on the Bill establishing Tobacco inspections in this Territory" Mr Jones in the Chair and after some time Spent therein the Committe Rose the Speaker Resumed the Chair, and Mr. Jones Reported that the committe of the Whole had agreeably to order had said Bill under Consideration Some time made no progress therein, and asked leave to Sit again, and on the question Shall the committe of the whole have leave to Sit again on said Bill" and the Vote thereon it was determined in the negative — When on motion of Mr Geyer Ordered that the further Consideration of said Bill be postponed till the next Session of the General assembly

The house Resolved itself into a committee of the Whole on the Bill Regulating the actions of Replevin and detinue, Mr Hardin in the Chair and after Some time Spent therein the Committe Rose the Speaker Resumed the Chair and Mr Hardin Reported that the committe of the Whole had agreeably to order had said Bill under Consideration Some time and agreed to the Same with

some amendments — Which Report was concurred in by the house, And Ordered that said Bill be engrossed for its third reading on tomorrow

A Message from the Legislative Council by Mr. Cook Mr. Speaker — The Legislative Council do insist on their third, fourth, & fifth, amendments to the Bill entitled an act supplementary to the several laws of this territory defining the powers & duties of Justices of the peace in matters of a civil nature & for other purposes, which Bill is herewith returned and the Legislative Council prays that the house of Representatives may Recede from their disagreement to the said amendments — The Legislative Council have appointed Mr. Cassidy a Committee on their part, jointly with the Committee appointed by the house of Representatives to make Settlement with the Territorial Auditor and Treasurer, with leave to act during the Setting of the house — Also the Legislative Council do insist on their first & Second amendments to the Bill entitled an act Supplementary to the Several acts ascertaining the fees of the several officers & persons therein named and Regulating the payment of Costs on indictments, which bill and amendments are herewith Returned & the Legislative Council prays that the house of Representatives may Recede from their disagreement to said amendments

The amendments of the Legislative Council to the bill Supplementary to the Several laws defining the powers and duties of Justices of the peace &c" When on Motion Resolved that this house do insist on their disagreements to said amendments, Whereupon ordered that a committee of two be appointed on the part of this house to act jointly with such committee as may be appointed on the part of the Legislative Council as a committee of conference on said amendments Whereupon Mr Hempstead & Mr Ramsey were appointed that Committee — And the Legislative Council were made acquainted therewith

Mr Browne from the ~~the~~ Committee of Enrollments reported that they had examined and found "truly enrolled — a Bill entitled "an act in addition to an act entitled an act Supplementary to and amendment of the several acts directing the probate of Bills &c for other purposes" — Also a Bill entitled an act for the Limitation of actions to be brought for the inheritance or possession of Real property — Also a Bill entitled an act Supplementary to the acts Regulating the proceedings on writs of Habeas Corpus, — Whereupon the Speaker Signed said bills and ordered that the

same be sent for the signature Concurrence of the President of the Legislative Council —

The house again took up the amendments of the Legislative Council to the Bill supplementary to the several acts ascertaining the fees of the several officers & persons therein named &c. When Mr Toney moved that this house recede from their disagreement to the the first amendment which amendment goes to strike out all the the first section after the word abode in the 10th line, which provides that it shall be lawful for witnesses attending any court on the last day of the term or when discharged to present their accounts for traveling allowance & other fees to the party having him summoned, & if not paid within two days thereafter the witness may recover the amount thereof with 20 per centum damages & Two per cent addition for every month which the same shall remain unpaid, and the witness be discharged from further attendance in said cause — And the Vote thereon it was carried in the affirmative,

Ayes 20
Nays — 6

The ayes and noes being called for on this question Those who voted in the affirmative are Messrs. Austin, Browne of W. Florida, Cottle, Hearn's, Hordin, Toney Hogan, Jones, Leduc, Marks Magness, McDermis, Munro, Ranney, Ravenscraft Richardson, Rodgers, Ross, & Barton Speaker

Those who voted in the negative are Messrs Musick, Shannon, Talbot, Tomplins, Walters and Hempstead —

When the house receded from their disagreement to the remainder of said amendments And ordered that the Legislative Council be made acquainted therewith —

The house Resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the Bill Supplementary to the General act regulating Elections, Mr Austin in the Chair, and after some time spent therein the Committee rose the Speaker resumed the Chair

And Mr Austin Reported, That the Committee of the Whole had agreed to said Bills without amendments which report was laid on the table —

The house took up the Bills and amendments of the Legislative Council to the bill allowing Compensation to the members of the present general assembly and the officers thereof, and Concurred in the first amendment without amendments, and in the second with an amendment to said amendment — and ordered that the Legislative Council be made acquainted therewith

The house took up the amendments of the Legislative Council to the Bill for the Relief of the Sheriff of the county of St Louis, which are to strike out the words "Sheriff of the County of St Louis" and insert "Joseph C Brown" and to add at the end of the Bill "provided also that the said Joseph C Brown, shall within 20 days after the passage of this act, pay into the Territorial treasury the whole amount of Territorial taxes which he may have collected previous to the passage of this act", When Mr Honey Moved that the house Concur in said amendments and the Vote thereon it was Carried in the affirmative

Ayes 17
Nays 8

The ayes & noes being called for on this question those who voted in the affirmative are Messrs Clark, Cottle, Hardin, Haney, Hogan, Jones, Leduc, Morris, Magness, McDermid, Musick, Ramsey, Richardson, Ross, Talbot, Tompkins & Thompson,

Those who voted in the negative are Messrs Harris, Munro, Ravenscroft, Smith, Sewel, Shannon, Watters, & Barton Speaker,

Whereupon Ordered that the Legislative Council be made acquainted therewith, —

The General orders of the day were further postponed when the house adjourned till tomorrow morning 10 oclock

Friday December 18th 1818

The house met pursuant to Adjournment.

The Speaker laid before the house the Report of the Territorial Auditor, Which was ordered to lie on the table

The Bill Supplementary to the acts regulating elections was read the third time, Which Bill goes to change the mode of voting from Ballot to Viva voce, and on the question Shall the Bill pass" and the vote thereon it was ~~determined~~ in the negative

Ayes 14
Nays 14

The ayes & nays being called for on this question those who voted in the affirmative are Messrs. Morris, Feeney, Jones, Marks, McDermid Musick, Munro, Rainscraft Richardson, Ross, Smith, Shannon, Talbot & Tompkins,

Those who voted in the negative are Messrs. Austin Browne of N. Clark, Coffee, English, Geyer Hardin, Hempstead, Leduc, Magness, Rainey, Rodgers Walters, & Barton Speaker, — And there being an equal Number in the affirmative and negative, the question was declared to be lost, and the Legislative Council were made acquainted Therewith —

Mr Hempstead introduced a Resolution to congress on the Subject of additional post Roads, Which being Read was Committed to a committee of the Whole and made the order of the day for this day

A Message from the Legislative Council by Mr Perry

Mr. Speaker — The Legislative Council have appointed Mr Reddick a Committee on their part, Jointly with the Committee appointed on the part of the house of Representatives as a Committee of Conference on the 3rd 4th & 5th amendments to the bill intitled an act Supplementary to the Several Laws of this Territory defining the powers and duties of Justices of the peace, in matters of a civil Nature and for other purposes — Also the Legislative Council do agree to the amendments made by the house of Representatives to the amendments made by this Council to the Bill allowing Compensation to the members of the present General Assembly & the officers thereof which Bill & amendments are herewith Returned —

The amendments of the Legislative Council to the Bill Supplementary to the act establishing Recorders offices, was again taken up, & on motion Resolved that this house do adhere to their disagreement to said amendments, And the Legislative Council were made acquainted therewith —

Mr Smith from the committee of Ways & means made a partial Report of expences, incurred for the General assembly, which being read, was referred to the committe of the Whole to Whom is Referred the appropriation bill

The house Resolved itself into a committe of the whole on the Resolutions to congress on the subject of extending a territorial Government to the County of Arkansas, Mr Ledue in the Chair and after some time Spent therein the committe rose the Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr Ledue Reported that the committe of the whole had agreed to the same with Same amendments — Which Report was Concurred in by the house & ordered that said Resolution be engrossed for its third Reading on Tomorrow —

The house resolved itself into a committee of the Whole agreeably to order on the Resolutions respecting post Roads — Mr M'Dermid in the Chair and after Some time Spent therein the committee rose the Speaker Resumed the Chair, and Mr M'Dermid Reported that that the committee of the Whole had agreed to said Resolutions with Same amendments which Report was Concurred in by the house and Ordered that said Resolutions be ingrossed for their third Reading on tomorrow

Mr Austin offered a Resolution instructing the Joint committe of Ways & means, to receive proposals for the printing of the Laws &c., Which was concurred in by the house and the Same was sent for the Concurrence of the Legislative Council —

by mr. cook to Speaker the L Council

A Message from the Legislative Council do concur in paping the resolution to instruct the Committe of Ways and means to receive proposals for printing the Laws &c. which Resolution is herewith returned —

The Several orders of the day were further postponed

When the house adjourned till Tomorrow Morning 10 oclock

Saturday Decr 19th 1818

The house met pursuant to Adjournment
Mr Tompkins offered a Resolution instructing the Committee of Ways & means to employ some person to take charge of the furniture & property of the General Assembly — Which Resolution was Concurred in by the house —

Whereupon ordered that the same be sent for the Concurrence of the Legislative Council

The Engrossed bill providing for the erecting of a court house in the County of St Louis was read the third time and on the question shall the bill pass, and the vote thereon it was carried in the affirmative — Whom said Bill received its title. And Ordered that the same be sent for the Concurrence of the Legislative Council

Mr. Ramsey from the Joint Committee of Conference on the Subject of the 3rd 4th & 5th amendments made by the Legislative Council to the Bill entitled "an act supplementary to the several acts defining the powers & duties of Justices of the peace in matters of a civil nature" and for other purposes" Reported that they had agreed to recommend to the Legislative Council to recede from their said 3rd amendment, and to the house of Representatives to Recede from their disagreement to the said 4th & 5th amendments to said Bill, Which Report was concurred in by the house

Whereupon Ordered that the Legislative Council be made acquainted therewith —

The Engrossed Resolution & Memorial to Congress on the Subject of Post Roads & Post Routs was read the third time, passed And ordered that the same be sent for the Concurrence of the Legislative Council.

A Message from the Legislative Council by Mr. Dawson Mr Speaker — The Legislative Council do adhere to their amendments to the Bill entitled an act establishing Recorders offices & for other purposes — Which said Bill and amendments are herewith returned & the Legislative Council prays that the house of Representatives may Recede from their adherence to their non concurrence in said amendments — Also the Legislative Council do Concur in passing the Bill entitled "an act to Regulate the actions of Replevin and detinue — Also a Resolution to authorise the Joint Committee of Ways & means to Contract with some person to take Charge of the public property — Which said Bill & Resolution are herewith returned the house of Representatives

Mr Cassidy did yesterday obtain leave and introduce a Bill entitled "an act providing for appeals from the Judgment of the Courts of Common Pleas in the counties of Pulaski, Clarke and Hempstead & for other purposes

The House Resolved itself into a committee of the whole agreeably to order on the Bill making appropriations for the year 1818 and a part of the years 1819 & 1820. Mr Ravenscraft in the Chair and after some time Spent therein the committee rose the Speaker resumed the Chair, And Mr Ravenscraft Reported that the committee of the Whole had made some progress in said Bill and asked leave to Sit again — When on Motion

Ordered That said Bill together with the several accounts of public expenses be Recommitted to the committe of ways & means, —

A message from the Legislative Council by Mr Perry Mr Speaker — The Legislative Council do concur in the Report of the committee of conference on the Bill lately entitled an act Supplementary to the several laws of this Territory defining the powers and duties of Justices of the peace in matters of a civil nature & for other purposes"

Mr Browne from the committee of enrollments Reported that they had examined & found truly Enrolled the following Bills to wit — "An act in addition to an act entitled an act to amend an act entitled an act regulating the mode of Judicial proceedings in certain Cases & extending certain powers to the General Court — "An act for the Relief of daniel Dunklin Sheriff of Washington County" "An Act for the Relief of Stephen Bosp late Sheriff of New Madrid County" | "An act authorising a Lottery for the benefit of the St Genevieve Academy" — "An act providing for the erecting of a court house in the County of Saint Genevieve" — "An Act for the Relief of John Hays Sheriff of Cape Girardeau County & James Campbell late Sheriff of Lawrence County" — And "An Act declaring what Shall be the future apportionment & number of members in the house of Representatives of the General assembly of the Territory of Missouri" When the Speaker Signed said Bills and ordered that the same be sent for the Signature of the president of the Legislative Council

Mr. Hoag from the committee of ways and means, to whom was referred the appropriation bill Reported an amended Bill on that Subject, which being Read, Ordered that the Same be Committed to a

Committe of the whole house and made the order of this day — Then

On Motion. The house again Resolved itself into a committe of the whole on said Bill as amended, Mr. Ravenscraft in the Chair, And after some time Spent therein the committe Rose the Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr Ravenscraft Reported that the Committe of the whole had agreeably to order had said Bill under consideration some time, and agreed to the same with some amendments — Which Report was concurred in by the house, And ordered to be ingrossed for Monday next

When the House adjourned till Monday 10 Oclock

Monday December 7th 1818

The house met pursuant to Adjournment

Mr Honey presented a further letter of proposals for propositions from Henry L Ellsworth which was laid on the table

Mr Tompkins introduced a Resolution to dispense with the Resolution to prohibit the introduction of any new Bill after the 5th Instant which was adopted, and the same was sent for the Concurrence of the Legislative Council —

A message from the Legislative Council by Mr Dawson their Speaker — The Legislative Council have rejected on its first Reading a Resolution to Congress praying for a Territorial Government &c in the County of Arkansas which Resolution is herewith returned — The Legislative Council have this day passed "An Act providing for appeals from the Judgments of the Courts of Common pleas in the Counties of Pulaski, Clark, & Hempstead which Bill is herewith sent for the Concurrence of the House of Representatives — Also the Legislative Council do Concur in passing the Bill entitled "an act supplementary to the several acts establishing Courts of Justice and Regulating Judicial proceedings, with some amendments to the same which Bill and amendments are herewith returned — for the concurrence of the House of Representatives in said amendments — When

the house took up said amendments & concurred in the 1st & disagreed to the 2ds — And the Legislative Council were acquainted therewith

A Message from the Legislative Council by Mr Young Mr Speaker — The Legislative Council do concur in passing a Resolution Rescinding the Resolution prohibiting the introduction of Bills after the 5th Inst. with an amendment to the same, which said Resolution & amendment are herewith returned for the the concurrence of the house of Representatives — When, said amendment was taken up & concurred in and the Legislative Council were acquainted therewith

Mr Ellis from the Joint Committee who were appointed to make Settlement with the Territorial Auditor & Treasurer made Report — which Report being Read was agreed to by the house, And ordered that the Legislative Council be made acquainted therewith —

In conformity with the Resolution adopted this day, the Rules of the house on that Subject were dispensed with, and Mr Tompkins obtained leave & introduced a Bill authorising an election of Trustees in the Town of St Louis" and the further Rule being dispensed with Said Bill was twice, Read, and ordered that Said bill be committed to a committee of the Whole house and made the Order of this day —

The Bill from the Legislative Council providing for appeals from the Courts of Common pleas in the Counties of Pulaski Clark & Hempstead" was taken up and the Rule being dispensed with, Said Bill Received its three Several Reading Passed, and ordered that the Legislative Council be made acquainted therewith

A Message from the Legislative Council by Mr Dawson Mr Speaker — The Legislative Council do Concur in passing the bill entitled "an act fixing the times & places of holding Superior & circuit Courts & for other purposes with an amendment to the same which Bill and amendments are herewith Sent for the Concurrence of the house of Representatives in Said amendment — Which amendment was taken up & concurred in by the house & ordered that the Legislative Council be made acquainted therewith —

A Message from the Legislative Council by Mr Reddick Mr Speaker — The Legislative Council do not Concur in passing a Bill Entitled an act providing for the erecting of a Court house in the County of St Louis which bill is herewith Returned —

Mr Leper offered a Resolution Respecting the Publishing of the laws in French — which Resolution was laid on the table

The house Resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on the Bill authorising the election of Trustees in the Town of St Louis

Mr Marks in the Chair, and after some time spent therein the Committe Rose the Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr Marks reported that the Committe of the whole had agreed to said bill with some amendments — which report was concurred in by the house. whereupon ordered that said bill be engrossed for its third reading this day

The house took up the proposals of the several printers, for publishing the laws passed at the present Session, When on Motion the house acceded to the proposals made by Henry and Maury — When Mr. Haney introduced a Resolution authorising the Governor to enter into a contract with said Henry and Maury agreably to their said proposals — Which Resolution was concurred in by the house And ordered that said Resolution be sent for the concurrence of the Legislative Council —

A Message from the Legislative Council by Mr Cooke Mr Speaker — The Legislative Council do concur in passing a Memorial & Resolutions Respecting post Roads & post offices in Missouri — With some amendments to the same which said Memorial & amendments are herewith sent for the Concurrence of the house of Representatives — When said amendments were taken up and concurred in by the house — And the Legislative Council were made acquainted therewith —

A Message from the Legislative Council by Mr Dawson Mr Speaker — The Legislative Council do insist on their Second amendment to the bill entitled "an act Supplementary to the several acts establishing Courts of Justice & regulating Judicial proceedings, which said Bill and amendment are herewith sent And the Legislative Council prays that the house of Representatives may Recede from their disagreement to said amendment — When said amendment was again taken up Whereupon Resolved that this house adhere to their disagreement to said amendment, And that a committee of Conference be appointed to act Jointly with such committe as may be appointed on the part of the Legislative Council on the Subject of said amendment —

Whereupon Mr. Geyer & Mr. Hempstead were appointed that Committe — And the Legislative Council were made acquainted therewith,

The engrossed Bill authorising an election of trustees in the Town of St Louis was read the third time and on the question Shall the Bill pass & the vote thereon it was carried in the affirmative

and ordered that its title be "An Act supplementary to an act for incorporating Towns in this territory — And the same was sent for the Concurrence of the Legislative Council

A Message from the Legislative Council by Mr Cook Mr Speaker The Legislative Council do concur in passing a Memorial and Resolution Respecting to extend the duties of the General Court of Arkansas County, which Memorial is herewith Returned — Also the Legislative Council do Concur in passing the Bill Supplementary to an act for incorporating Towns in this Territory, which Bill is herewith Returned,

On Motion leave was given for withdrawing the following engrossed bills from the files of this house to wit The engrossed Bill establishing the County of Montgomery — The Bill establishing the county of Madison — The Bill establishing the County of Wayne The Bill establishing the County of Franklin — The Bill establishing the County of Pulaski, Clark and Hempstead — The Bills establishing the Counties of Lincoln & Pike, The Bill establishing the County of Cooper

On Motion of Mr Tompkins Resolved, That James Ravenscraft & Erasmus Ellis Members of this house are entitled to pay from the time they presented their Respective petitions for their Seats in this house, and also to the pay allowed other members for traveling expences & the Speaker of this house is hereby authorised to give them a certificate for the same

A Message from the Legislative Council by Mr Cook Mr Speaker — The Legislative Council do Concur in passing a Resolution Respecting the printing of the laws passed at the present Session of the General Assembly — They have appointed on their part Mr Cook a committee of Conference on the Second amendment to the Bill Supplementary to the acts establishing Courts of Justice & Regulating Judicial proceedings

The several orders of the day were further postponed —

When the house adjourned till tomorrow Morning 10 o'clock —

Tuesday December 22nd 1818

The house met pursuant to adjournment Mr Boyer from the Committee of Conference on the Subject of the 2nd amendment of the Legislative Council to the Bill supplementary to the several act establishing Courts of Justice & regulating Judicial proceedings Reported that they had agreed to recommend to the Legislative Council to Recede from said amendment Which report was concurred in by the house & the Legislative Council were made acquainted therewith

The house took up the Resolution authorising the Governor to have the Laws of a General Nature passed at the present Session printed in some News-paper printed in this Territory in the french & english languages — Which Resolution was amended and adopted and ordered that the Same be sent for the concurrence of the Legislative Council —

A Message from the Legislative Council by Mr Cook Mr Speaker — The Legislative Council do concur in the Report of the committee of Conference on the Subject of the Second amendment to the bill entitled an act Supplementary to the several acts establishing courts of Justice & Regulating Judicial proceedings which said bill is herewith returned — The Legislative Council also concur in the Resolution to authorise the Governor to cause to be published certain laws of this territory Which Resolution is herewith returned —

Mr Hoxey from the Committee of Ways and Means who were instructed to employ some person to take Charge of the public property, Reported that they had made a verbal contract with Jabez Warner — to take Charge of the Same till the next Session of the General assembly for the Sum of $20 — Which Report was concurred in by the house, and ordered, that the Legislative Council be made acquainted therewith —

A Message from the Legislative Council by Mr. Cook Mr Speaker — Mr Cook has this day obtained leave and Reported a Bill Supplementary to an act fixing the times & places of holding Superior & Circuit Courts & for other purposes —

Mr Nash introduced a Resolution to authorise the raising of a committee of four to draft a Memorial to the Congress of the united States in favor of the preemptioners of Howard County north of the Missouri — Which Resolution was adopted

Whereupon Messrs Wash Lompkins Smith Geyer and Waters were appointed that Committee

A Message from the Legislative Council by Mr Cook Mr Speaker The Legislative Council do concur in passing the Bill entitled an act Making appropriations for the years 1818 & 1819 & a part of the year 1820 with some amendments to said Bill which Bill & amendments are herewith sent for the Concurrence of the House of Representatives — Also the Legislative Council do concur in passing the Bill entitled "An act to license Auctioneers & imposing a Tax on Sales at auction — With some amendments to the same which Bill & amendments are herewith sent for the Concurrence of the House of Representatives — Also the Legislative Council have this day passed a Bill entitled "An Act Supplementary to an act entitled an act fixing the times and places of holding the Supreme and circuit courts & for other purposes — Which Bill is herewith sent for the Concurrence of the house of Representatives

The House took up the amendments to the appropriation Bill, Which were concurred in with an amendment to the Same — Whereupon ordered that the Legislative Council be made acquainted therewith

The House took up the amendments to the Bill to license Auctioneers & imposing a tax on Sales at auction — When on Motion of Mr. Moore, Ordered that the further consideration of said Bill & amendments be postponed till the fourth day of July next — And the Legislative Council were made acquainted therewith —

Mr. Browne from the committee of enrollments Reported that they had examined and found truly enrolled the following Bills and Memorials To wit

A Bill entitled an Act Supplementary to the Several laws defining the Powers & duties of Justices of the peace in Matters of a civil Nature & for other purposes and a Bill entitled an act Supplementary to an act for incorporating towns in this territory — And a Memorial & Resolution Respecting and to extend the duties of the Judge of the General Court of Arkansas County — and a Memorial & Resolution Respecting post Roads & post offices — and a Resolution Respecting the publishing of the Laws of a general Nature in some newspaper in this territory — When the Speaker signed the Same and ordered that the Same be sent for the signature of the president of the Legislative Council

The bill from the Legislative Council Supplementary to an act entitled an act fixing the times & places of holding Superior & Circuit Courts & for other purposes_ was read the first time

When on motion of Mr Shannon ordered that the further consideration of said bill be postponed till the first day of July next and the Legislative Council were made acquainted therewith —

A Message from the Legislative Council by Mr Perry Mr Speaker The Legislative Council do concur in the amendment of the house of Representatives to the amendment of the Legislative Council to the appropriation Bill which said Bill and amendments are herewith Returned

When the house adjourned till Tomorrow morning 10 O'Clock

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Wednesday Dec.r 23.d 1818

The house met pursuant to adjournment Mr Honey offered the following Resolution to wit Resolved that the Joint Resolution of both houses prohibiting the introduction of Bills after the 12.th instant, be and the same is hereby Rescinded, so as to permit a Bill to be introduced providing for the laying out certain Counties therein named into townships and for no other purpose_ And on the Question will the house adopt said Resolution & the vote thereon it was determined in the negative

Mr Nash from the Committee who were appointed for that purpose Reported a Memorial to Congress on the Subject of Preemptions North of the Missouri in Howard County— And the Rules of the house being dispensed with said Memorial received its three Several Readings passed, And was sent for the concurrence of the Legislative council

Mr Brown from the Committee of Enrollments Reported that they had examined & found truly enrolled a Bill entitled "an act Supplementary to the several acts establishing courts of Justice and Regulating Judicial proceedings — An act making appropriations for the years 1818 & 1819 and a part of the year 1820 Also a Resolution authorising the Governor to contract with Henry & Murry for

the printing of the Laws — When the Speaker signed the same and they were sent for the signature of the President of the Legislative Council

A Message from the Legislative Council by Mr Riddick Mr Speaker — The Legislative Council have this day passed a bill entitled an act supplementary to the act fixing the times & places of holding Superior & Circuit Courts and for other purposes which bill is herewith sent for the concurrence of the house of Representatives — When the Rules of the house were dispensed with and said Bill was taken up & read three several times, passed, & returned to the Legislative Council

A Message from the Legislative Council by Mr Perry Mr Speaker Legislative Council do concur in passing a memorial on the subject of preemptioners, which is herewith returned —

On Motion of Mr Geyer Resolved that the Joint Committee of enrollments be instructed to inform the Governor that the Legislature have no further business before them, and are ready to adjourn without day — And the Legislative Council were made acquainted therewith —

A Message from the Legislative Council by Mr Perry Mr Speaker — The Legislative Council do concur in passing the Resolution to authorise the Committee of Enrollments to inform the governor that the Legislature have no further business before them — which Resolution is herewith Returned —

Mr Nash offered a Resolution Requesting the Speaker of the house of Representatives to forward one copy of the Memorial Respecting Preemptioners, to the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the U. S. and one copy thereof to the delegate in Congress from this Territory, with all possible dispatch which Resolution was adopted by the house

A Message from the Governor by Mr Ouland private Secretary, informing this house that he had approved & signed the following enrolled Bills to wit — An Act Supplementary to the acts regulating the proceedings in writs of Habeas Corpus — An Act for the limitation of actions to be brought for the inheritance or possession of Real property — An Act establishing a part of the County of Howard into a Separate & distinct County by the Name of Cooper County — An act to provide a method of proceeding against absent & absconding debtors — An Act in addition to an act entitled "an act to amend

an act entitled an act regulating the mode of Judicial proceedings in certain cases and extending certain powers to the General Court — An act for the Relief of Stephen Rapp late Sheriff of the County of New Madrid — An act for the Relief of Daniel Dunklin Sheriff of the County of Washington — An Act for the relief of John Hays Sheriff of the County of Cape Girardeau, and James Campbell late Sheriff of Lawrence County — An Act providing for the erecting a court house in the County of St Genevieve — An act declaring what shall be the future apportionment & number of members in the house of representatives of the General assembly of the Territory of Missouri — And that he has not approved the bill entitled an act authorising a lottery for the benefit of the St Genevieve academy —

Mr Hosey from the Committee of Ways & Means to who were instructed to Contract with some person for taking Care of the public property produced the Receipt of Jabez Warner for the same which Receipt was filed among the archives of this house

Mr Ramey obtained leave to withdraw the Engrossed Bill for erecting a Court House in the County of Cape Girardeau —

The Resolution on that subject together with the Rule of the house, were dispensed with and Mr. Nash obtained leave and introduced a bill providing for the printing of the Laws passed at the present Session of the Genl Assembly — Which Bill was Read three several times amended. Passed, Received its title, And ordered that the same be sent for the Concurrence of the Legislative Council

Mr Browne from the Committee of Enrollments Reported that they had examined & found truely enrolled the Memorial on the Subject of Preemptioners — when said Memorial was Signed & sent for the Signature of the President of the Legislature

A Message from the Legislative Council by Mr Perry Mr Speaker — The Legislative Council do concur in passing a Bill entitled an act providing for the printing of the Laws &c which bill is herewith returned

The house adjourned till tomorrow morning

Clerk

Thursday December 24th 1818

The house met pursuant to Adjournment —

Mr Tompkins presented a Resolution Respecting the publishing of the memorial on the subject of preemptioners which Resolution was adopted by the house, and ordered that the Same be sent for the concurrence of the Legislative Council

Mr Brown from the committe of Enrollments reported that they had examined & found truly enrolled a bill entitled "an act providing for the printing of the laws passed at the present Session of the General Assembly When the Speaker signed the Same and ordered that the Same be sent for the signature of the President of the Legislative Council

A Message from the Legislative Council by Mr Dawson Mr Speaker — The Legislative Council do concur in passing the Resolution respecting the publishing of the memorial on the subject of preemptioners — Which is herewith returned

a Message from the Governor by Mr Roland private Secretary informing this house that he had approved & signed the following Acts to wit — An Act for the relief of the Sheriff of the County of St Louis — An Act supplementary to the act ascertaining the fees of the several officers and persons therein named & regulating the payment of Costs on indictments — An Act to regulate the actions of Replevin & detinue — An act to divorce Estella M Harvey late Estella M Reible from the bonds of Matrimony by her contracted with John Harvey — An Act allowing compensation to the members of the present General Assembly and the officers thereof — An Act Supplementary to the several laws of this Territory defining the powers & duties of Justices of the peace in matters of a civil nature & for other purposes — An act providing for the appointment of a prosecuting attorney for the Counties of Arkansas Pulaski, Clark, & Hempstead — An Act providing for appeals from the Counties of Pulaski, Clark & Hempstead — An Act Supplementary to an act for incorporating towns in this territory — An Act Supplementary to the several acts establishing Courts of Justice & regulating Judicial proceedings — An Act making appropriations for the years 1818 & 1819 - & a part of the year 1820 — An act fixing the times and places of holding Superior & circuit Courts & for other purposes — An Act Supplementary to the act fixing the times & places of holding the Superior and Circuit Courts & for other purposes — An Act providing for the printing of the laws passed at the present Session of the General Assembly — Also

A Resolution as to printing the laws of a general Assembly nature in the News paper —

Mr Nash Moved the following Resolution and ~~[illegible]~~ to wit- Whereas the Committee of enrollments (Who were instructed to wait on the acting governor & to inform him that the two houses had no further business before them & wished to adjourn on the 23rd Inst / have reported in the discharge of their duty that the acting Governor declared he would receive no intimation of a wish on the part of the two houses to adjourn, until provision was made for the printing of the laws passed at the present Session, and that he would not approve of any law that should authorise any other person than himself to contract for the printing & publishing of the Same — Whereby the two houses have been rendered to the necessity of Surrendering a portion of their just and Legitimate powers, in providing for the printing of the laws of the land, upon terms which had been offered & even deemed reasonable —

Now therefore Be it Resolved by the Council and house of Representatives That this Conduct on the part of the acting Governor is Regarded as an improper & indelicate interference in the discharge of their duties, and a most tyronical exercise of Executive power — When Said Resolution was amended by Striking out all from the words "Whereby the two houses &c. to the end of the preamble — And on the question "will the house agree to Said Resolution as amended" and the vote thereon it was determined in the Negative

Ayes 2
Nays 27

The ayes & noes being called for on this question those who voted in the affirmative are Messrs Nash & Shannon

Those who voted in the Negative are Messrs Austin, Browne of N. English, Bayer, Harris, Hardin Hempstead Haney, Hogan Jones Leduc, Marks Magness McDermid Moore Musick, Munro, Ranney Ravenscroft, Richardson Rodgers, Rose Smith Talbot Tompkins Watters, & Bard Speaker

On Motion ordered that a committee of two be appointed, on the part of this house to act Jointly with such committee as may be appointed on the part of the Legislative Council to wait on the acting Governor & inform him that the Legislature have no further business before them and are ready to adjourn without day—

Whereupon Mr. Tompkins and Mr. Leduc were appointed that Committee, And the Legislative Council were made acquainted therewith

A Message from the Legislative Council by Mr Dawson Mr Speaker— The Legislative Council have appointed Mr Dawson a Committee to act Jointly with the Committee appointed by the house of Representatives to wait on the acting Governor & inform him that the Legislature have no further business before them & are Ready to adjourn without day

Mr Tompkins from the Joint Committee who were appointed to wait on the acting Governor & inform him that the Legislature have no further business before them and were Ready to adjourn without day, Reported that The acting governor had Returned for answer that he had no further business to lay before the Legislature

Mr. Harris was nominated to the Chair When Mr. Nash offered the following which was unanimously adopted — To wit

Resolved unanimously that the thanks of this house be given to the Speaker for the prompt & satisfactory discharge of the duties of the Chair

When the house adjourned sine Die